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## Laos prospect

THE long-awaited appeal for a ceasefire in Laos has been made. There will be a certain amount of satisfaction that the three-stage British formula has at last been accepted and acted upon by Russia. When it was first suggested last month there was some reluctance to agree to the ceasefire. It seems pretty clear now that Moscow was holding up a decision on this issue to allow the reinforced and heavily armed left-wing insurgents to gain as much ground as possible. Moscow's probable line of reasoning was that as long as the left-wing groups were allowed to gain a decided advantageous position in time for the international conference aimed at settling the political future of Laos, it did not matter when the ceasefire appeal was issued. Russia was simply playing for time and her tactics have paid off well. There is now no question of a neutral Laos government not having representatives of the Pathet Lao; the only question is how many, and whether the West will be able to accept their demands without seriously compromising the neutral character of the Government.

THE chances of Prince Boun Oum remaining premier are nil. He will be lucky to keep a seat on the cabinet. It is almost certain that if a compromise is possible, Souvanna Phouma will take up the figurehead post of Premier—as he has in the past—and be manipulated by his half-brother Prince Souphanouvong from behind the scenes. It seems the West has no other choice—unless it decides on a continuation of fighting which would probably end eventually in stalemate—or worse.

The future for Laos is not very bright, therefore, even though the restoration of peace will be generally welcomed. The action of the last few months is a typical Communist manoeuvre. Laos was not worth a long drawn-out war and Moscow and Peking are obviously satisfied with an arrangement that will leave the country neutral and yet sympathetic to whatever approaches they make. Moreover the U.S. is hardly likely to continue its \$45 million a year subsidy to the army of such a government and this is a vacuum the Communists are bound to fill.

THUS the ceasefire appeal comes as something of an anti-climax. The West has not been very clever about the way it has gone about guaranteeing the country's neutrality. Partly this is the fault of the Republicans who objected to Pathet Lao representation in the government. This left Prince Souphanouvong and his men a discontented minority in the northern jungles asserting themselves by staging periodic crises. But the threat they constituted was not taken very seriously.

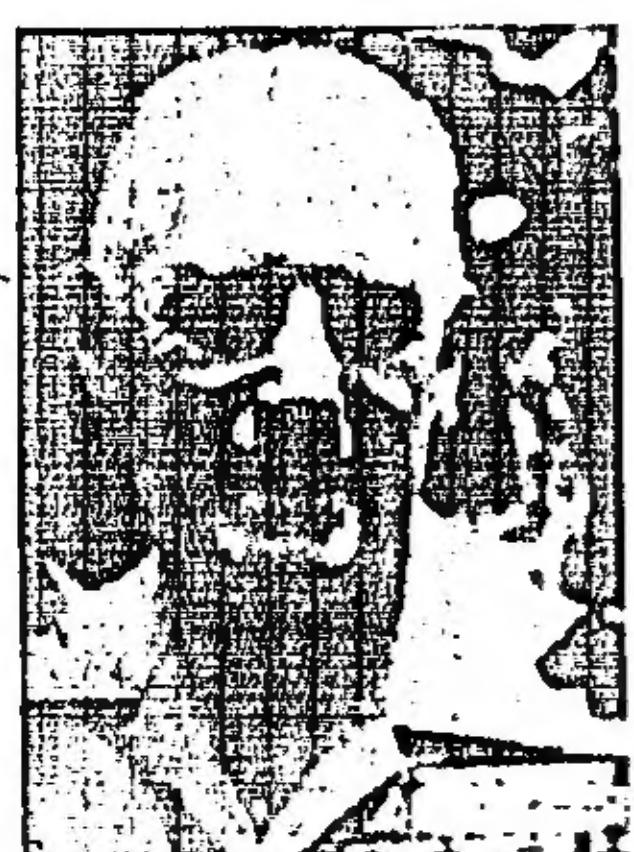
The only hope is that the West can profit from this lesson, and that it can somehow manage to keep Laos from falling completely into the Communist orbit. Here surely is another pertinent example of a situation President Kennedy described in his speech to American editors quoted here yesterday: "our security may be lost, piece by piece, country by country without the firing of a single missile or the crossing of a single border."

# Loyalist troops take over from rebels ALGIERS REVOLT ENDS

## Insurrection leaders disappear after surrender broadcast

Algiers, Apr. 26.

The four-day generals' revolt against President Charles de Gaulle collapsed early today as suddenly as it began.



General Salan

### Veteran vehicles outing

Brighton, Apr. 25. A 1914 run tractor, a veteran fire engine, a bus, a lorry and other vintage machines mingled with holiday crowds on the busy London to Brighton road. The veterans, all belonging to members of the Historic Commercial Vehicles Club, drove from the British Transport Commission's museum at Clapham, London, to Brighton where they paraded along the seaford and held a coach rally.

### Duke's plane has icing trouble

Free-town, Apr. 25. The Duke of Kent's crimson aircraft of the Queen's Flight developed serious icing trouble. It was learned here today. The Duke is here as the Queen's representative at independence celebrations. A reliable source said that the trouble occurred when the plane was over Madrid on the second leg of the journey, from Bordeaux to Gibraltar. The source said that had the icing continued for another 10 minutes the plane would have had to return to Bordeaux. The 25-year-old Duke attends a display of traditional dancing here tonight as this 150-year-old British Colony makes final preparations for its independent bow.—Reuter.

### Army to put on show in West End

London, Apr. 25. The British Army is to stage a one-night comedy at a London West End theatre at the beginning of next month, the War Office announced. The winners of the first Army Drama Festival, No. 4 Training Regiment, Royal Engineers, are to present "Haul for the Shore" by Jean McDonnell at the Scala theatre on May 1. Many army teams took part in the competition aimed at stimulating interest in the theatre among soldiers.—China Mail Special.

Government troops, kept out of the city by the insurgents for four days, took over almost without a fight. The fate of the four leaders of the revolt was not known. General Maurice Challe and General Raoul Salan left their headquarters by car for an unknown destination at 1 am but the whereabouts of the other two insurgent leaders was a mystery.

In Paris a spokesman at the Ministry of Information said Salan and Challe had "escaped." He said he did not know where to and he had no further information. General de Gaulle, who fought back against the revolt with iron determination, conferred in Paris with his ministers on how to handle the aftermath. The revolt collapsed within the space of half an hour after a day filled with rumours.

### Withdraw

The majority of the paratroopers who had occupied the centre of the city since early on Saturday withdrew to the suburbs—although some of their number remained in the Forum, Algiers' main square. Salan's loyal General de Gaulle stood over the radio station, which changed hands in a drama-packed half hour shortly before midnight.

A group of loyal officers flew to In-Salah, in the Sahara Desert, to the Transport Minister Robert Buron and Algerian Commander-in-Chief General Fernand Gamblez, who had been held prisoner there by the insurgents.

Fighting broke out in the streets as the paratroopers pulled out and their trucks rumbling through avenues alive with tension. It was believed that most of those involved were civilians, but some paratroopers who remained behind appeared to be clashing with police.

### Appeals for calm

Algiers radio, once more under the control of the Government, broadcast appeals for calm. "It is all over. Go home," an announcer said emotionally.

But his appeals fell on deaf ears. Thousands thronged the streets to watch Government troops take over key buildings. Shots rang out but it was not known who fired them. The collapse of the revolt ended four days of the greatest tension France has known since World War II.

Even as the paratroopers were withdrawing from Algiers, police were guarding key points throughout France against a possible landing in the homeland itself.

Airports were closed to prevent the paratroopers flying in and attack Paris. But the precautions instituted Sunday night when the threat of an attack was very real, were not necessary.

General de Gaulle called Prime Minister Michel Debre, acting Interior Minister Roger Frey and Algerian Affairs Minister Louis Nogué into session at the Elysee Palace office.

### No communiqué

No communiqué was issued. There was no official Government reaction to the news that the threat to the President's power had been overcome.

The President himself went to bed at 2 am.

What would happen to the rebel generals and colonels who led the paratroop revolt in a vain effort to keep Algeria in French hands was not immediately clear.

All four generals, the head of the revolt—Salan, Challe, Edmond Jouhaud and Marie-Antoine Zeller—have already been stripped of their rank by General de Gaulle.



General Challe

The President has also decreed that they shall be punished under the laws of France for having put Frenchmen against Frenchmen.

Informed sources in Paris said they would probably be arrested and brought to the capital to face trial there—possibly for treason. The penalty for such a crime is death under the guillotine.

### Coming to climax

Throughout the day signs had been building up that the revolt was coming to a climax. But as late as 8 pm it was still not clear what that climax was going to be.

The paratroopers pulled out of the cities of Oran and Constantine during the morning, their places being taken by troops loyal to General de Gaulle.

As they did so word came from France that the Mediterranean Fleet had weighed anchor at its Toulon base and was steaming to an undisclosed destination—presumably Algeria.

General de Gaulle, in an order of the day to troops of the French army everywhere, broadcast a call for all citizens of Algeria to go to the Forum. Half an hour later the station's programme of martial music came to an abrupt halt.

### A pause

There was a pause, then the revolt announcer took over with the announcement that the station was "resuming normal transmission."

The revolt was already practically over. At least seven persons were believed to have died in the revolt, although the exact total was not clear. The seven were believed to have been shot in clashes between paratroopers and troops loyal to General de Gaulle when the insurgents first staged their coup last Saturday.—UPI.

### £500 tote ticket recovered

Birmingham, Apr. 24. A frantic search in a litter bin brought a woman racegoer a reward of nearly £500 here at the weekend.

The woman had thrown away her win totalisator ticket on Sunburst, a 20-1 chance, after the horse had finished second to the favourite, Avea la Table.

But after an objection, the race was awarded to Sunburst Roie.

The woman eventually did find her ticket, and duly collected £500.—China Mail Special.

## American astronaut rocket explodes

Cape Canaveral, Apr. 25.

A U.S. "rocket" carrying a robot "astronaut" toward a planned orbital trip around the earth exploded in smoke and flames today less than a minute after it was launched.

The space cabin was automatically ejected from the falling rocket and fell back into the Atlantic by parachute.

Observers on the Cape said that from all appearances a man could have survived the mishap.

Today's shot was similar to one which the Russians succeeded in carrying out earlier this month with a human Gagarin made one pass around the globe in a Russian space cabin and was safely returned to earth.

### DESTROYED

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced that the Atlas missile carrying the Mercury capsule was destroyed after about 40 seconds of flight, and that the spacecraft was separated from the booster by its escape system "which apparently worked satisfactorily."

The announcement indicated that a malfunction developed in the rocket and that it was destroyed by the range safety officer.

Today's shot was to have paved the way for the free world's first manned space flight, possibly some time early next month. It was not determined how today's failure would affect that schedule.

Next month's shot, however, would employ a Redstone, rather than an Atlas missile. The Redstone shot will be a sub-orbital flight and will carry a human astronaut.

A helicopter successfully recovered today's space capsule from the ocean and flew it back onto the Cape about 20 minutes after the explosion.

### BLACK BOXES

The helicopter landed in an area on the northeast side of the Cape and deposited the capsule on the ground. Scientists immediately went to work on it.

The "mechanical astronaut" consisted of, according to one expert, "a bunch of little black boxes painted grey" situated in the base of the capsule where a live astronaut will ride later on a special couch.

The piece of machinery was known officially as a "crewman simulator" and its job was to imitate the breathing and blood circulation of a human being. It was designed to "breathe in" oxygen and "exhale" carbon dioxide, and to simulate body heat.—UPI.

### ARMED 'PRIEST'

Lyons, Apr. 25. French police looking for militant rightwingers said they discovered one here tonight—in clerical garb. The "priest" showed them a hiding place where, they said, there was a storehouse of arms.—Reuter.

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## PORNOGRAPHIC BOOKS SEIZED IN COLONY

The police recently seized about 8,000 copies of pornographic books in English on both sides of the harbour. They were thought to be translations from banned books which enjoyed wide circulation in France and other countries abroad.

Also seized with the pocket books were about 1,000 printing blocks of parts probably made from

the originals or copies of originals. The police made the seizure in Causeway Bay, and in Shek Kip Mei.

As the books were printed in English in Hongkong, it was assumed that they were intended to be sold to local college students.

A number of people were detained for questioning by the police. However, police enquiries are still going on.

## 2.26 inches of rain fell

A cold surge passing through Hongkong brought a thunderstorm with 2.26 inches of rain and a sharp drop of 16.3 degrees in temperature early this morning.

At 3 am today, a cold surge from the north passed through the Colony, replacing the warm southerly air stream by a cooler, drier air stream from the north-east.

During its passage, over two inches of rain were recorded which, at its maximum intensity, was falling at the rate of over five inches per hour.

This brings the total rainfall this month so far up to 6.78 inches against an average of 5.30 inches for the whole month.

### MAIN REASON

The Observatory spokesman said that during the past few days, Hongkong has been under the influence of a warm and humid air stream from the south which has been the main reason for the recent thundery activity.

Since a thundery shower broke out on the afternoon of Sunday, a total of 4.00 inches of rainfall has been recorded at the Observatory.

This thundery activity has not been confined to Hongkong but has been fairly widespread over South China.

The maximum temperature yesterday, 84.7 degrees F, was recorded at midnight last night. At 6 am today, however, the temperature dropped to a low of 68.4 degrees.

It is expected to rise during the day to about 75 to 78 degrees, said the Observatory spokesman.

During the night, the temperature will drop again, he said.

## U.S. to use UK missile range

London, Apr. 25. An American Corporal missile battalion will use a British missile range in the Hebrides Islands, off the northwest coast of Scotland, for two weeks in June, the Ministry of Defence announced tonight.

"In lending its range facilities to the American unit, the British Army will extend its co-operation to provide certain equipment and support personnel," the official ministry statement said.

The ministry said it was "in accordance with the principles of interdependence that one Nato country should make available to another Nato country any spare capacity it has on its range."

The ministry said periodic practice missile firing was "a routine training requirement."

"Previously all U.S. Army missile units in Europe were required to travel to the United States to conduct practice firings," the ministry announcement ended.

The Corporal, made by the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Company, is a comparatively short range surface-to-surface tactical bombardment rocket powered by a liquid propellant.

It can be fitted with nuclear or conventional high explosive warhead and has range of from 75 to 100 miles. Its speed at burn-out is Mach 3.—Reuter.

### SHIPS IDLE

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## BOTH SIDES AGREE TO CEASEFIRE IN LAOS

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The Royal Lao Government and the Communist Pathet Lao accepted today the joint Anglo-Russian appeal for a ceasefire between their opposing forces, official announcements said.

Both sides in Laos conflict notified agreement to order their forces to halt hostilities as a first move towards a proposed peace settlement at a full-dress 14-nation peace conference in Geneva on May 12.

The Royal Lao Government came in a note to the British Government. The official Soviet agency Tass said Pathet Lao leader Prince Souphanouvong soon agreed for the Communists.

But the Communists sounded an ominous warning that they are approaching the proposed Laos settlement from "a position of victor."

### Red proposal

The Communists proposed that "the legal Lao Government" headed by Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma immediately convene a meeting of the three sides concerned in Laos, to decide on a ceasefire and regulation of the cessation of hostilities.

The three sides include the ruling Lao regime of Prince Boun Oum, the neutralist faction led by ex-premier Prince Souvanna Phouma, and the Communist Pathet Lao.

Prince Souvanna Phouma at the same time announced his support for the Anglo-Russian Laos settlement plan.

In an announcement, broadcast by Tass from Hanoi he called for the three Lao parties to send representatives to Khauang (in central Laos) on April 20 to discuss the revamping of the Laos Government.

In London the Foreign Secretary, Lord Home, told the House of Lords that an "actual ceasefire" in Laos was expected within the next few days.

Lord Home added that the United States "are working as hard as we are now for a political settlement" in embattled Laos.

The twin moves today followed a joint call by Britain and Russia yesterday to the two warring factions in Laos to ceasefire, as a prelude to a Geneva peace conference.

In New Delhi, Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru convoked the three member Laos international supervisory commission (of India, Canada and Poland) for Friday. The commission is to proceed from there to Laos early next week to verify the ceasefire.

Lord Home in his statement today made it clear that the commission have to supervise the ceasefire as well as "keep an eye on the importation of arms from the outside."

Both the United States and Britain have served notice they will attend the Geneva conference only if the ceasefire is duly "verified" by the supervisory commission.

The next move is for the two conflicting sides in Laos to agree on a date and hour for their forces to ceasefire on the Laos battle fronts.

This procedure was expected to take a few days. Lord Home cautioned in his statement at the House of Lords today that the prospects of a conference would be "endangered" if there was any doubt about the "urgency or sincerity" of either side of the ceasefire.

Earlier today, the Royal Lao Government informed Britain formally that its army is ready to that effect.—UPI.

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## Offer of top level economic team

Washington, Apr. 25. President Kennedy and President Sukarno of Indonesia said in a joint communique today they "strongly and unreservedly support the goal of a neutral and independent Laos".

The communique was issued shortly after President Sukarno had paid a farewell call on Mr. Kennedy at the White House this morning. The Indonesian leader arrived here yesterday for talks with the President and was flying today to Mexico City.

The Indonesian leader spent 20 minutes with the President this morning. He arrived here yesterday for talks on Indonesia's dispute with the Netherlands over Dutch New Guinea (West Irian) and other problems.

### Arm in arm

The two presidents walked together, arm in arm, for part of the way, from Mr. Kennedy's office to the helicopter on the south lawn of the White House. They held an earnest discussion and, when President Sukarno had seated himself in the helicopter, held another whispered conversation before the craft took off.

The communique made no mention of the dispute between Indonesia and the Netherlands over Dutch-ruled West New Guinea under the name of West Irian. Dr. Sukarno, the Indonesian Minister, said last night that the two presidents had held a lengthy discussion of the problem and that he was staying behind in Washington to discuss possible solutions to the dispute.

### Comments

The communique made the following comments on issues other than Laos:

1. The two presidents welcomed the opportunity to renew their friendship and reaffirm the spirit of co-operation and confidence between their countries.
2. They welcomed the newly-found freedom of many countries in Asia and Africa. Agreed that their genuine aspirations could be fulfilled through mutual co-operation within and without the United Nations, and recognized that they must be alert to any attempts to subvert their cherished freedom by means of imperialism "in all its manifestations."
3. President Kennedy offered to provide the services

## Americans and Russians celebrate

Torgau, Apr. 25. Two American ex-servicemen and 11 Russians got together here today to celebrate the 16th anniversary of the Soviet-American link-up across the Elbe River.

The two Americans, Joseph Polowsky of Chicago, and Leroy Hamilton, a Red Indian from Colorado, were both members of the patrol which took part in the link-up here in 1945, but none of the Russian patrol turned up.

After speeches of goodwill at the Soviet war memorial here, the Russians—one ex-serviceman and 10 soldiers—went with the Americans to a reception given by the local town council.

## U.S. embargo against Cuba

Washington, Apr. 25. The White House said today the United States was considering a total trade embargo against Cuba but no decision had been reached.—Reuter.

## DISCIPLINE IN BRITISH PRISONS TO BE REVIEWED

London, Apr. 25. Discipline in British prisons is being reviewed by the Home Secretary, Mr. R. A. Butler, and the Prison Commissioners following disturbances at several prisons.

Mr. Butler told questioners in the House of Commons that the "whole question of discipline" was under review.

He had been asked for a statement about trouble at Walton Prison, Liverpool, where seven prisoners picked up chairs in a workshop and broke windows.

Other prisoners downed tools and 240 men sat down in the exercise yard until ordered to return to prison.

This followed trouble at Maidstone, Shrewsbury, Wandsworth and Lincoln prisons.

Some of the protests have been against the quality of the food and over-crowding.

In many prisons, men sleep three in a cell.

Mr. Butler said the police were preferring charges against one prisoner at Walton following a small fire in the carpenter's shop.

Seven other prisoners who caused damage had been recommended for interview by a committee which visits prisons. Others had been punished by the governor.

Mr. Eric Fletcher (Labour) asked Mr. Butler if the disturbances at Walton and other prisons did not indicate something seriously wrong with staffing and conditions.

Mr. Butler said he did not think there was anything fundamentally wrong with staffing, which in most cases was all right. What was wrong was overcrowding.

He was looking into the whole position.—China Mail Special.

## FLOODS REPORTED AROUND CANTON

Peking, Apr. 25. Heavy rains are causing floods in the south China provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, the People's Daily reported today.

The newspaper said large numbers of people were being mobilised for anti-flood work along the Siang and Peiking Rivers and their tributaries, which form part of the Pearl River system flowing through Canton.

Heavy rain has also fallen in Hunan Province, north of Kwangtung, since the middle of April and flood control operations have started in the Chen-sha area.

Train and air services between Peking and Canton were disrupted this week.

The People's Daily reported drought was continuing along the middle and lower reaches of the Yellow River. In North China, where little rain has fallen this spring, incomplete statistics about three million people are taking part in anti-drought work and irrigation in the provinces of Shantung, Hopei, Shensi and Shensi. The newspaper reported.—Reuter.

## Israeli ambassador to Japan one of Eichmann's victims

Jerusalem, Apr. 25. Israel's present ambassador in Tokyo, Mr. Kurt Levin, was named at the Adolf Eichmann trial here today as one of the victims of an anti-Jewish reign of terror in Germany that followed the "Crystal Night" in 1938—when Jewish property was attacked and smashed up.

Mr. Levin was arrested by the Nazis after the "crystal night" attacks, Mr. Benno Cohen, chairman of the Zionist Organisation in pre-war Berlin, told the court.

The night of wholesale destruction was given its name because of the number of show windows of Jewish stores in Germany that were broken following the assassination of a councillor at the German Embassy in Paris, Ernst von Rath.

Mr. Cohen said: "At six in the morning I was told... a group of people were smashing up my office... I found the whole place shambles."

He said he heard that a personal friend of his—Mr. Kurt Levin, today Israel's Ambassador to Japan—had been arrested. "I decided not to insist a similar fate would befall me," he added.

### Official

Mr. Cohen said that among those who helped the German Jews during the Nazi era "one man stood out above all others"—the (unnamed) passport official at the British consulate in Berlin.

This Briton "rescued thousands of Jews from the jaws of death" during the reign of terror. He enabled large numbers of Jews to emigrate to Palestine, said Mr. Cohen.

Eichmann, 55-year-old former SS colonel, who is accused of mass murder of Jews, took occasional notes as he sat impassively between his two brawny police guards. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

### Whipped

Another witness who gave evidence today was Zindel Gruenspan, 75, father of the youth who shot Von Rath.

He said he wrote to his son, Herschel, who was living in Paris, after the rest of the family had been deported to Poland by SS men who whipped them and ordered them to run as they crossed the border a few days before the shooting.

When the trial, which is now in its third week, resumed today the judges agreed to hear an affidavit made by SS Major Dieter Wisliceny, a few months before he was executed in Czechoslovakia in 1948 for war crimes.

The affidavit, which was read by Mr. Gideon Hausner, Israeli Attorney General, said Wisliceny and Eichmann had been on close terms and in 1942 Eichmann showed him a letter from Heinrich Himmler, the supreme security and police chief.

### Annihilation

This said "the Fuehrer has decided that the final solution of the Jewish question is to start immediately. I designate the chief of the security police (Reinhard Heydrich) as the inspector of the concentration camps as responsible for the execution of this order."

(The security and police organs under Heydrich included the Gestapo (secret police). Eichmann was head of the Gestapo Department of Jewish Affairs.)

"Eichmann then told me that the 'final solution' means the biological annihilation of the Jewish people," Wisliceny's affidavit continued.

"I said... 'may God forbid that our Jews should ever do anything similar to the German people.'"

Wisliceny stated that Eichmann replied: "Don't be sentimental—this is an order of the Fuehrer."

Mr. Hausner said the affidavit declared that the order was "a death warrant for millions of people... and the power to execute this order was in Eichmann's hands, subject to the approval of Heydrich."

### Torifying

Two witnesses, who met Adolf Eichmann when he was a rising star in the Gestapo, faced him in court today and described him as terrifying figure even in 1938.

## Ceylon orders death penalty for looters

Colombo, Apr. 25. The Ceylon Government has ordered the death penalty for looters as it sought to crush a separatist movement by the Island's Tamil minority.

The new order, issued under a state of emergency proclaimed last week, also decreed imprisonment for anyone caught setting up road blocks or damaging vehicles in the Tamil-speaking northern and eastern areas.

The Tamils, Hindus who migrated to Buddhist Ceylon from India, are waging a civil disobedience campaign to support demands that Tamil as well as Sinhalese be made an official language.

A communique on Tuesday reported new incidents of arson and road blocking in the trouble zones where troops are trying to keep order. Two buses were stoned in East Ceylon and mobs assaulted a truck driver in the North. Eight persons were arrested.—AP.

They were afraid of every move they made. He did not say what these people were waiting for. However thousands of Jews in Austria and Germany were trying to emigrate, and they needed certificates to go to Palestine.—Reuter & AP.

## THE QUEEN TO VISIT SARDINIA

London, Apr. 25. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will fly to Sardinia on Saturday on their way to their state visit to Rome in a Comet IV of British European Airways.

The Queen Mother returns to Britain from Deilmannu in the same aircraft after her visit to Tunisia.

The Queen's flight back to London from Turin on May 9 will also be made in a Comet.—Reuter.

## Blacklisted

Damascus, Apr. 25. The Arab League boycott of Israel Central Office announced on Tuesday, it had blacklisted the 7,250-ton US cargo ship "Santa Venelia" for violating Pan-Arab boycott regulations.

The Central Office statement said the vessel will be banned from all Arab ports.—AP.

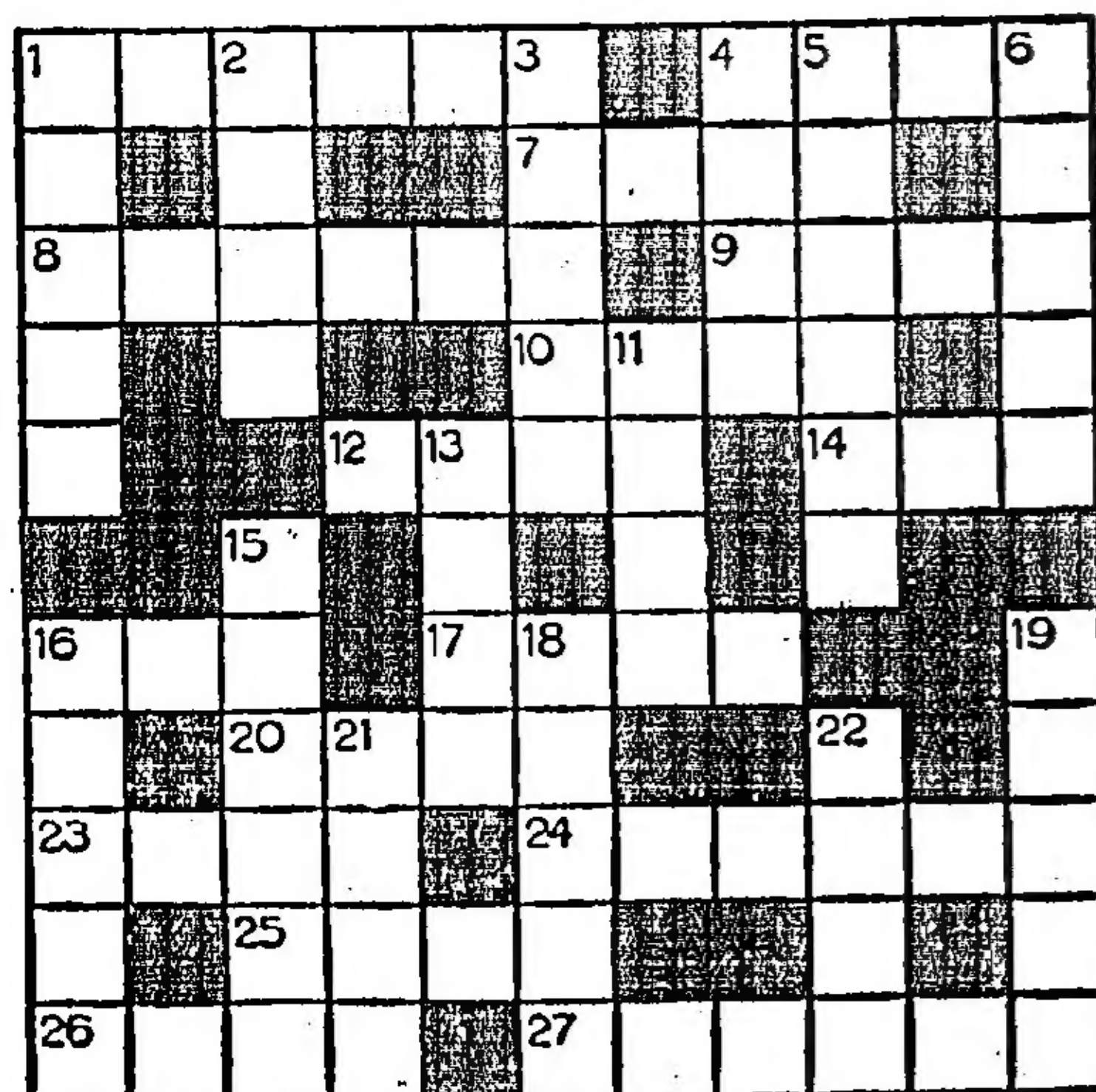
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## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Put a bob on?
  - No Sassanelli.
  - Fisherman's dance?
  - Country.
  - Frost.
  - Naval bird?
  - Princess.
  - Get for a boy?
  - Sum up.
  - Rolls of notes.
  - Works or plays.
  - Fiddler.
  - Bank clerk.
  - Accept.
  - Direction.
  - Frolicked.
- DOWN**
- Food for Francis.
  - Sugar-sleek?
  - Tied.
  - Withered.
  - Ringling sounds.
  - River.
  - Study.
  - Fit.
  - Open and jumps.
  - Taut.
  - Flower.
  - Exposed.
  - Covering.
  - Cricket boob!

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Rover, 4 Sprig, 7 Bob, 8 Nimble, 11 Lido, 12 End, 13 Canticle, 15 Balcony, 18 Pot, 19 A-vow, 20 Proper, 23 Bin, 24 Swede, 25 Mewed. Down: 1 Runner-beans, 2 Ebb, 3 Sol, 5 Ralse, 6 Good-natured, 8 Beta, 10 Mad, 13 Coo, 14 Nay, 16 Loose, 17 Nips, 18 Pop, 21 Ilin, 22 One.

## GIRARD-PERREGAUX WATCHES FOR THE BEAUTY QUEENS



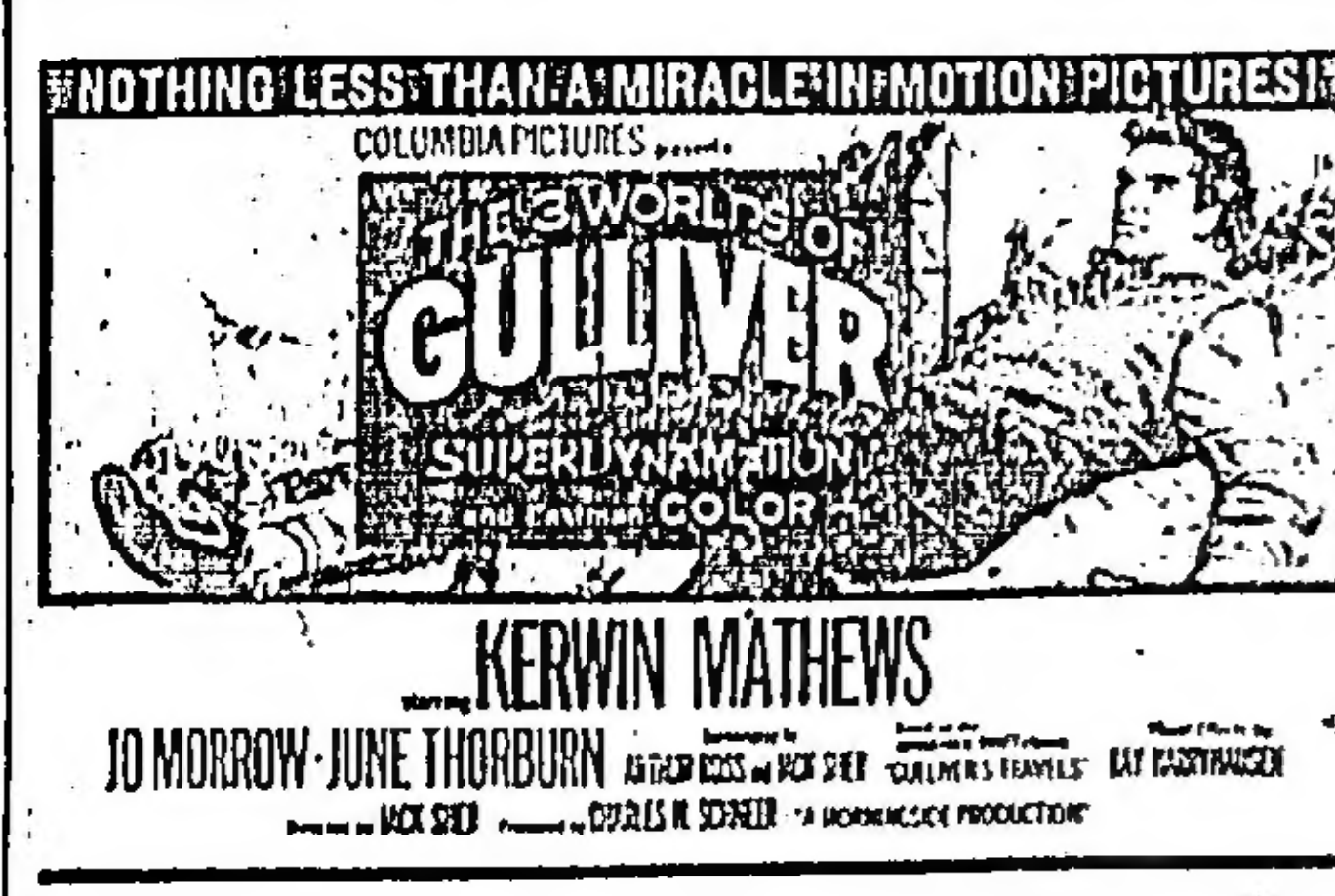
The five beautiful European models who arrived in the Colony recently to stage the "61 Paris Fashion Show" at the Ambassador Hotel posed gracefully with Girard-Perregaux watches on their wrists. Several GP creations specially designed to match their costumes were demonstrated by these beauty queens during the performance. Picture shows from left to right: Miss Austria (Luisa Köhmermayr), Miss Italy (Maria Grazia Jacomelli), Miss Germany (Ingrun Helgard Hoeckel), Miss Europe (Christina Spatzler) and Miss Franco (Yvonne Degremont).







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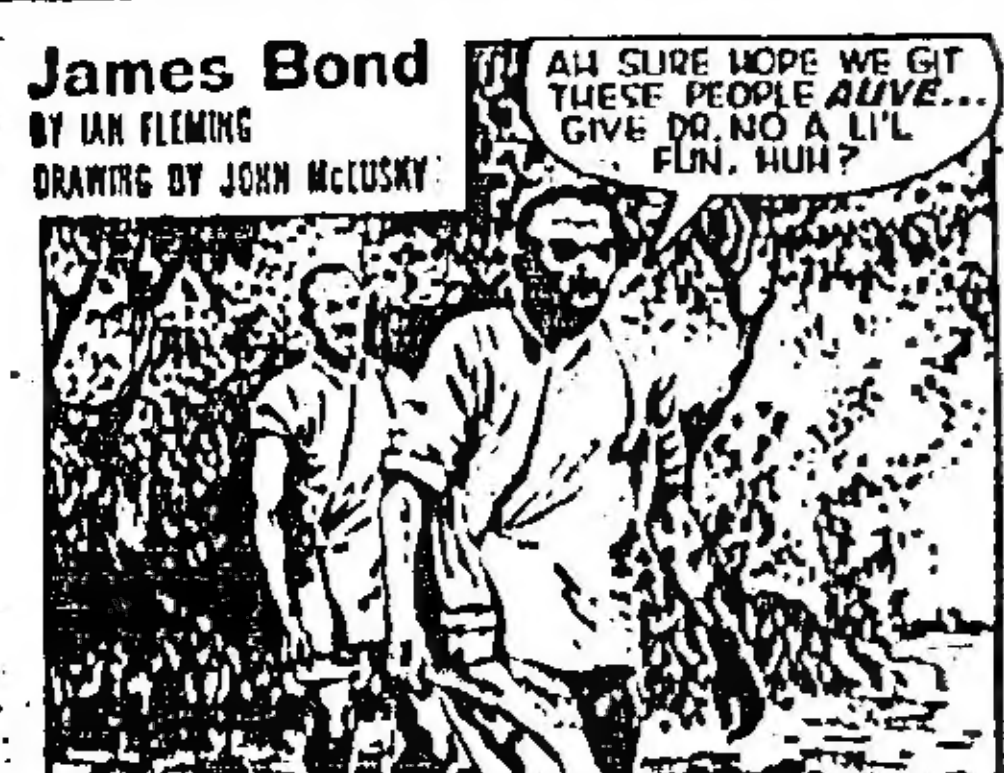
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**Gina says 'No'**  
Rome, Apr. 25.  
Gina Lollobrigida flew into Rome today holding hands with her husband and smiling approvingly as he again denied any rift in their marriage.  
"I hope our being together like this is sufficient denial to the reports," said Milko Skofic, the film star's Yugoslav-born husband. The two arrived from Geneva.—AP.

## BRITISH GOVERNMENT PAYS \$2.6 MILLION FOR RENOIRS

*And experts are shocked at the price*



Dancer with Tambourine

### New ocean terminal opened

Milford Haven, Apr. 25.  
When Mr Richard Wood, Minister of Power, opened the British Petroleum Company's new ocean terminal near here, he brought into operation one of the few installations in the world capable of handling 100,000-ton tankers.

At a luncheon later, Mr Wood said the new terminal was of "immense significance" for the future.

He predicted that if the British oil industry followed the trend for the Free World as a whole, British refineries should double their output by the early 1970's.

Mr M. R. Bridgeman, BP's chairman, said the company aimed at using tankers of 50,000 and 67,000 tons, but if the Suez Canal were deepened, "we might be able to raise our sights a bit and build tankers of 70,000 tons or more."

The £6,500,000 terminal comprises a coastal strip of 140 acres.

The oil is pumped from the tank mooring berths into storage tanks, and then it flows 60 miles through an underground pipeline to a refinery near Swensen.—China Mail Special.

Sydney, Apr. 25.  
American Negro singer Billy Daniels collapsed shortly before he was due to appear in a night club here today.

His agent said he had received blood transfusions for a perforated duodenal ulcer and that his condition was serious.—Reuter.

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"WHERE THE BOYS ARE"

London, Apr. 25.  
The British Government is to give £163,500 (HK\$2.6 million) to help the National Gallery in London buy a pair of pictures by the French painter, Renoir.

The paintings are "La Danseuse au Tambourin" and "La Danseuse aux Castagnettes". The model portrayed with the tambourin was a hair-dresser's assistant, Georgette Piguet, who is still alive.

When M. Gauguin saw her some time ago she recalled going with Renoir to buy the blue slippers which she wears in the painting.

For the portrait of the other dancer there were two models: for the head, an Italian called Maria, and for the body, a girl called Gabrielle, who was both Renoir's servant and his favourite model in his later years.

Very fine  
Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the House of Commons:

"These pictures, which were painted in 1909 by Renoir for his friend Maurice Gangnat, are very fine examples of the artist's later period, which at present is poorly represented in public collections in this country."

"In view of the exceptional importance of this acquisition I have decided to make a special Exchequer grant of £163,500 towards the cost."

He did not say what the total cost of the pictures was.

Six figures  
A National Gallery spokesman said later he could not give any idea of the cost of the paintings except that it did not exceed six figures.

The balance of the purchase price is being met from National Gallery funds, but considerable assistance was expressed in the view of the price for Renoir paintings of this period.

The previous highest price paid in Britain for a Renoir was £72,000 for his "La Penelope" at the Goldschmidt sale in 1958. It is now owned by property magnate Mr Jack Cotton and hangs in his suite at the Dorchester Hotel.

Extraordinary  
Said one art expert: "Assuming that the National Gallery has contributed only something like £1,500 from its own funds, £163,500 is a staggering price to pay for two late Renoirs. I'm amazed."

Commented another expert: "I think it's an extraordinary price to pay. It is highly unlikely that they would have fetched anything like that price at a sale."

It is generally agreed that Renoir painted his best

pictures in the 1880's for after 1900 he became increasingly crippled with arthritis and painted painfully with brushes strapped to his wrists. He died in 1919 when he was 78.

The paintings were bought from M. Philippe Gangnat, of Paris, son of M. Maurice Gangnat, who commissioned them.

The spokesman added that the pictures were painted on tall canvases, a little over five feet high by about two feet wide. They were considered to be an effective composition when hung side by side. Each picture is signed and dated "Renoir. '09."

Ardent  
The two pictures were commissioned by the late owner's father, M. Maurice Gangnat, who was probably the most ardent of all collectors of Renoir's works.

They were painted in the summer of 1909 to hang in his dining room in Paris, on either side of the fireplace with a mirror between.—China Mail Special.

Embargo no serious obstacle to trade

London, Apr. 25.  
Lord Lansdowne, Foreign Undersecretary, said today that British trade with the Sino-Soviet bloc was not appreciably impeded by items of strategic significance on the embargoed exports list.

The chief reason was the bloc's lack of sterling.

The list was kept constantly under review by Britain and her allies.

Lord Elibank, a Liberal peer, had suggested in the House of Lords that the embargoed list should be abolished apart from arms, munition, military equipment and machinery especially designed for their production.—Reuter.

'VICTORY OVER POVERTY'  
London, Apr. 24.  
The Conservative Commonwealth Council has adopted "Towards victory over poverty" as the theme for its 1961 conference in London next weekend.

The council's development committee said today it has tabled a specialised paper dealing with the pressing question of insurance for private investors against political risks "often inseparable from investment in under-developed countries."

It envisages the formation of a Commonwealth guarantor institution.

A paper urging a "Colombo Plan" approach to the economic problems of Africa has also been tabled by the development committee.—China Mail Special.

Canadian appointed 'Queen's scientist'  
Ottawa, Apr. 25.  
Dr. Michael W. Partington, a 34-year-old research fellow at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, has been named the first "Queen Elizabeth II scientist."

It was announced today that Partington will take up his new post on July 1 at the medical department of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, where a permanent research unit will be established to work on problems such as mental deficiency and epilepsy in children.

The appointment was made by the board of trustees of the Queen Elizabeth II Fund to aid research on the diseases of children. The \$1 million fund was set up by the Federal Government two years ago to mark the Queen's cross-Canada tour.—UPI.

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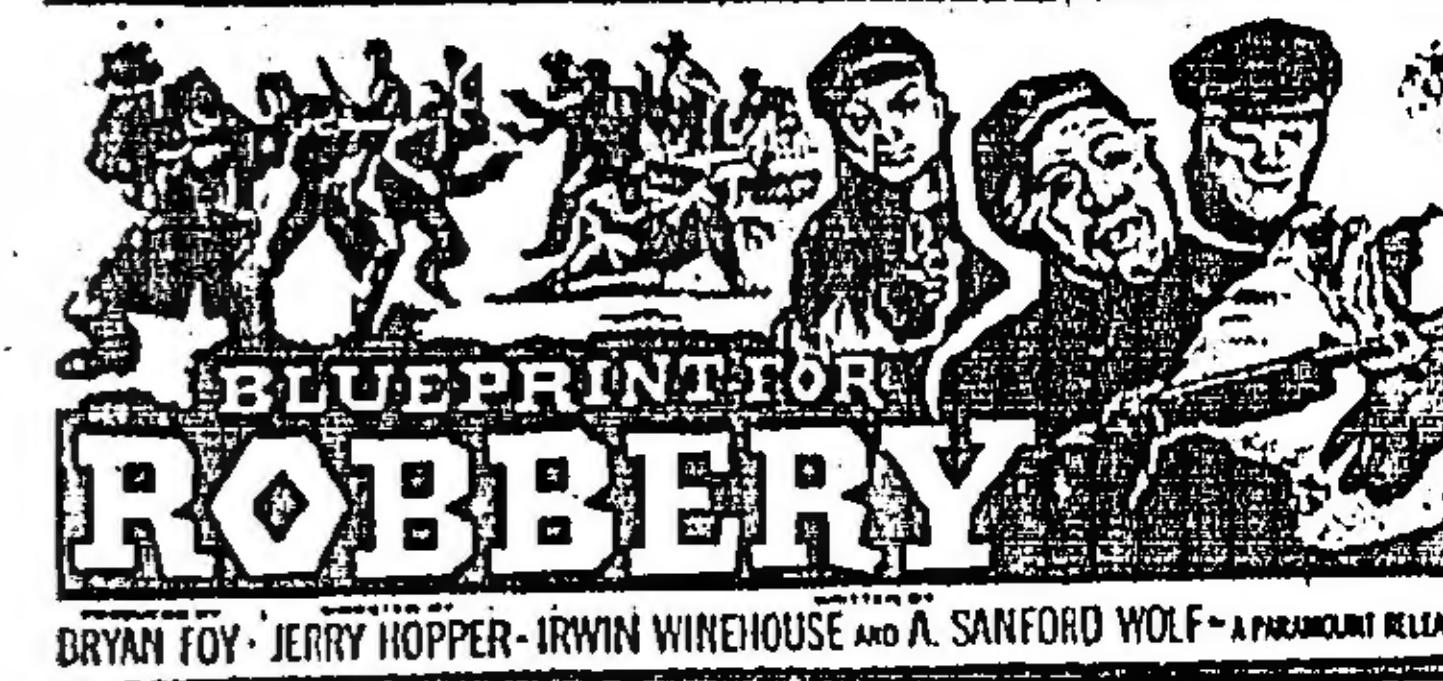
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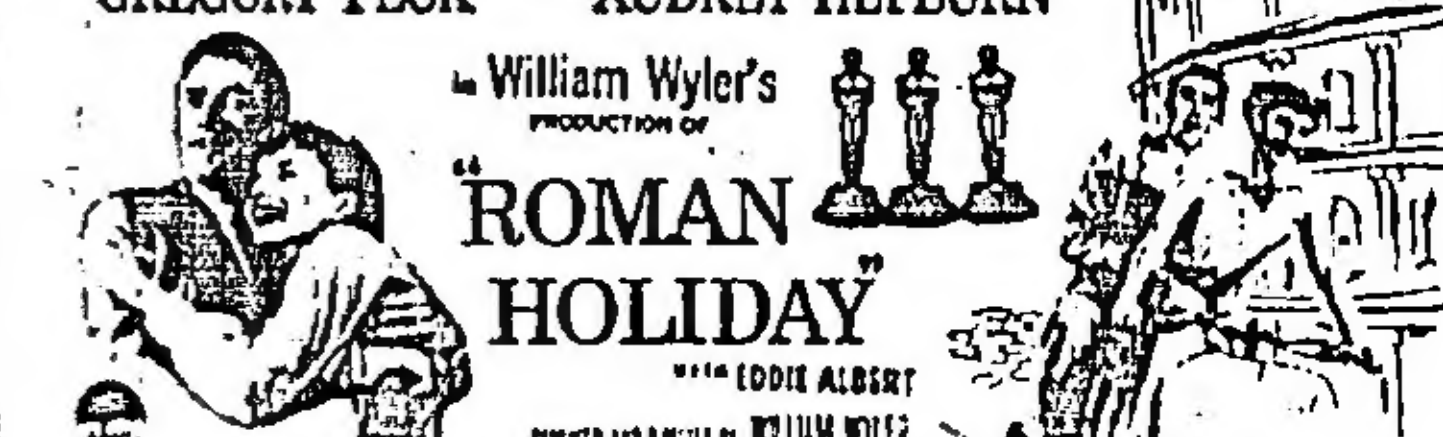
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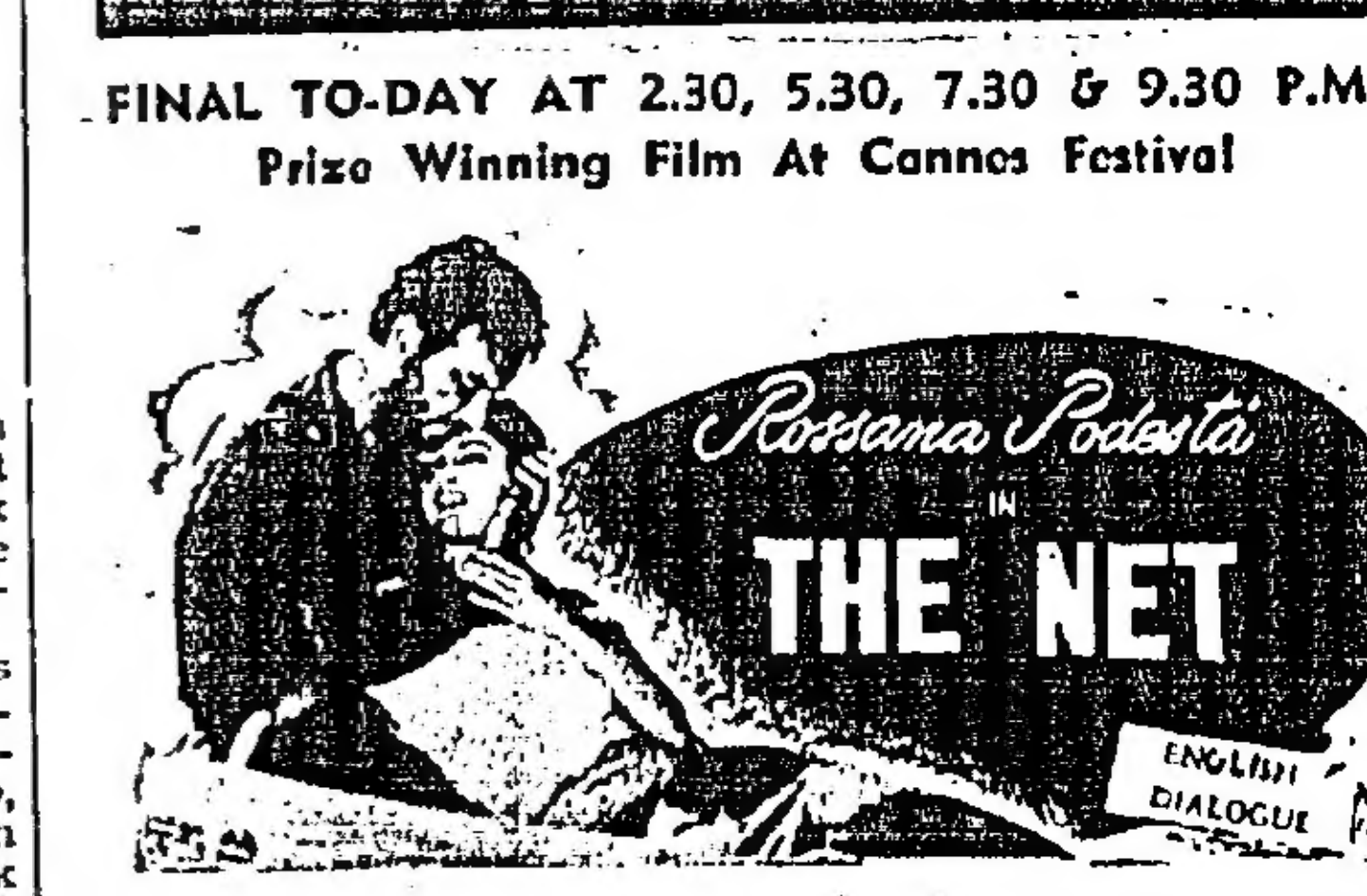
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# Now for the leap-frog to the moon!

AND THE AMERICANS COULD BE FIRST WITH A MAN THERE

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

A COMPLETE reappraisal of America's flagging rocket programme has been touched off by Russia's resounding win in the race into space.

From now on the accent will be on some means of leap-frogging over the Russians into a venture with which the Americans can recoup their reputation and morale by securing a commanding space "first".

The next cosmic breakthrough to catch the imagination of the world will be the first "soft" landing on the moon, which, according to the Russian programme, will be accomplished by unmanned robot rockets.

For this venture the Russians have released details of their objectives. They plan to soft-land a big rocket out of which will crawl Wellesian "tankettes"—caterpillar-tracked robots capable of reconnoitering the cratered lunar landscape.

## Close-ups

Goggling TV eyes will transmit to Russia close-up details of the moon. Instruments will relay the first reliable information about the lunar climate. From this information the Russians intend to build up to a manned moon landing as they built up data from robot satellites for Yuri Gagarin's historic flight into orbit.

There can be little doubt that the Russians have so much lead that they will notch up this further success. Where then can the West overtake them? I suggest that the Americans, perhaps with British help, could beat the Russians to the feat which will count most of all in the annals of space history—the landing of the first man on the moon.

An American team led by Werner von Braun, the ex-

German rocket scientist, is already far advanced with a colossal rocket, the Saturn, with far greater power than the missile which thrust Gagarin into space.

The first 520-ton model is scheduled to be ready to put a ton payload on the moon in three years' time. The bigger second version, about 700 tons, will need a service gantry almost as high as the Kremlin's 320ft. bell-tower.

It could not a three-man space station round the moon from which repeated landings could be made.

The U.S. authorities may decide to cut out any robot moon flights and aim straight at a manned landing. In suggesting this I have in mind the catastrophic error which the British Government made on flight research after the war. Though pilots were clamouring to attack the unknown hazards of the sound barrier, chairborne advisers ruled that it was so dangerous that attempts should first be restricted to robots.

## Glory

To their everlasting glory, the Americans took the more courageous line and backed the let's-try-it pilots.

Result: they sailed through the exaggerated terrors of the sound barrier and left British fighter designers so far behind they have never caught up.

In spite of this lesson the Americans seem to have fallen into the same trap with their astronauts. They have played the venture safer than the

Russians, who found the return from orbit far easier than anticipated.

I suspect that the hazards of the moon flight, though immensely formidable, will prove to have been exaggerated.

Some British and U.S. scientists are claiming that prestige in space does not really count and that technical results from unmanned satellites are far more important than manned stunts.

I say they are hopelessly and dangerously wrong.

## Hidden...

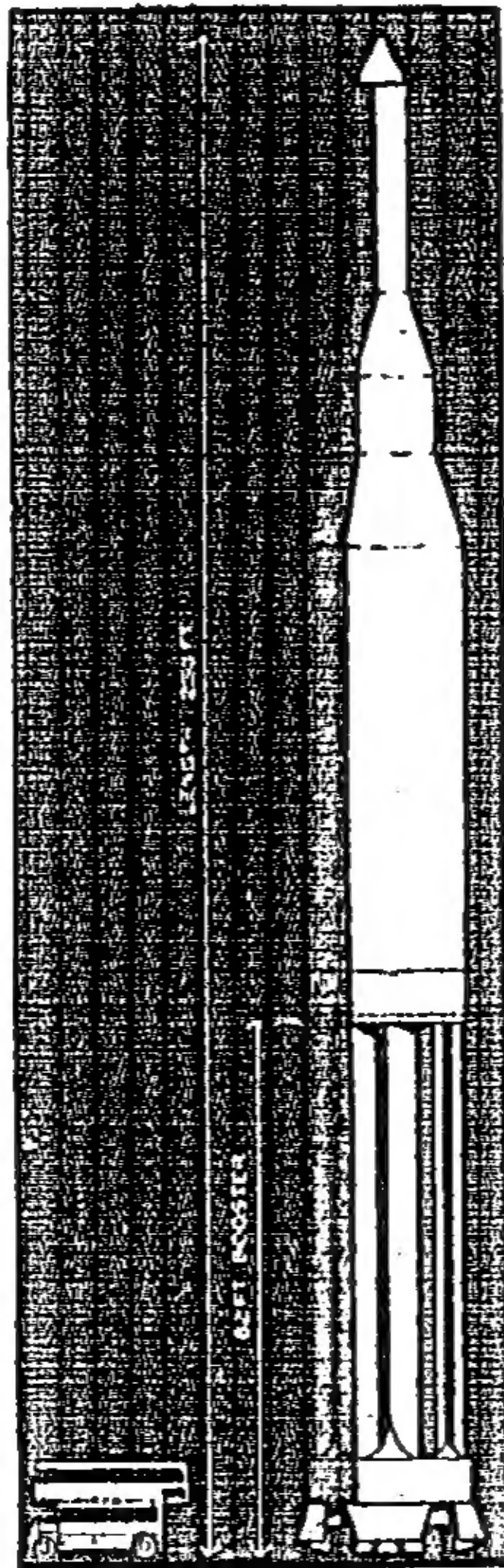
The U.S. and British taxpayers are not financing rocket-work so that scientists can have a technical jamboree. The basic facts are that the Russian political leaders are harnessing space achievements to their objective of imposing their way of life on the world.

Balked of achieving their aims by military threat, the Kremlin leaders see the dazzling exploits of the Soviet missile men as a way of showing the rest of the world that their way of life pays dividends.

The tests of the Yuri Gagarin hide the grim rigours of a dictatorial system which those of us unaccustomed to liberty would find intolerable.

The only check to this spectacular propaganda for Communism will be a cosmic demonstration that the free West can do better.

The only foreseeable hope lies in leap-frogging the Russians to the moon with the Saturn rocket, which must be given the



NEXT to a London bus: America's Saturn rocket

utmost priority even at the expense of the penny-packed satellite shots which reap negligible prestige. (London Express Service).

## THE DAY I HAD MY HEAD READ

By DAVID ASH

THE little woman in the red coat removed her spectacles and looked a little nervous as Mr Reddrop put a tape measure round her head and probed her skull with clinical fingers.

She had volunteered for Phrenological Demonstration. Or, as the layman might say, to have her head read.

Mr Reddrop, a fellow of the British Phrenological Society, pointed out: "There are several new faces here tonight, and a public reading is always awkward. One is handicapped in what one can say."

His reading showed that the lady was very sensitive, but not

the type to show it self-critical and cautious; understanding, helpful, but firm. She said yes, that was about right, actually. There was applause.

## A LECTURE

It was her first visit to a Phrenological Society meeting. And mine too.

But there wasn't time for Mr Reddrop to study my cranial conformation (he dislikes the word "bumps"). The two dozen London members in the hall were waiting to hear a lecture by Miss W. M. Morgan, the society's president and skull class tutor.

The grey-haired, finely skulled chairman, Mr J. W. Marshall, stood at what looked very like a pulpit, and the old-world courtesy of his introductory remarks resembled that of a veteran Baptist minister.

Two other officers who welcomed newcomers and took the silver collection looked typical church sidesmen.

Miss Morgan, middle-aged, with a kind, delicately-boned Sunday-school teacher's face, pinned five major sections of a skull—cut-out pieces of cloth—on a blackboard:

INTELLECT in the front portion of the brain.

MORALS in the top middle part.

SELF-REGARD in the top rear.

DOMESTIC and SOCIAL SENSES just below that, and PROPENSITIES in the region round the ear.

There were many other cerebral sub-divisions, she explained.

But, briefly, the shape of the skull indicated the development or non-development of various parts and faculties of the brain.

Parents whose children had high-crowned heads showing over-assertiveness should try to correct this in infancy by encouraging good manners, gratitude, and understanding of other people's feelings.

## TAKE NOTE

A good point to look for was a full rounded contour of the Domestic and Social area at the base of the skull, which showed Philoprogenitiveness.

This means "love of family" and the area contains the "lullaby centre" which prompts a parent to rock a child-in-arms to sleep. Miss Morgan said: "It isn't possible to alter the size or shape of a brain centre, but you can learn to activate the under-used areas and modify the over-dominant ones."

Teachers should take note of heads, and so should employers. For instance, a farm worker needed a good back-head for domestic instincts and care of livestock.

## SENSITIVE

One of the sidesmen thanked Miss Morgan for a phrenological "treat." She smiled and distributed some pamphlets about cruelty to broiler calves. Mr Reddrop said the May lecture would be "The Effect of Diet on Temperament."

The secretary, Miss Hedderley, told me: "I'm sure you won't write nasty things about us."

"Your broad forehead and wide Perceptive Area shows you are too sensitive to do that."

I blushed penitently, wondering if she just meant I had a big head, and made an appointment for a Phrenological Demonstration. (London Express Service).

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## ♥♦♣♠ Sense ♦♣♠

Q—The bidding has been:  
North East South West  
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♥ Pass 2NT Pass  
3♥ Pass ?

You, South, hold:  
♠KQ65 ♥K32 ♦A854 4♠  
What do you do?

A—If you feel ambitious bid seven hearts. If you want to be sensible, bid five no-trump to ask for kings.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
You ask for kings. Your partner responds six clubs to show no kings. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

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♠QJ843  
♥90  
♦None  
♣KQJ1086

WEST EAST  
♠None ♠10752  
♥AKQJ875 ♥94  
♦AKQJ43 ♦875  
♠None ♦875

SOUTH  
♠AK98  
♥103  
♦1092  
♣A432

No one vulnerable  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♠ Double  
4♠ Pass Pass 5♥  
5♠ Pass Pass 6♥  
Pass Pass Double Redouble  
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## JACOBY on BRIDGE

HERE is another hand that has appeared before. It is my luckiest hand of all time and if anyone knows of a luckier hand I would like to see it.

I sat South and opened a spade in third seat. West might have bid seven hearts right away, but he felt that if he did that he would not be allowed to play it. So he merely doubled and, as you can see, contented himself with bidding five and six hearts at his next two turns to bid.

His bidding fooled me completely. I decided that he was defending and doubled the six heart bid, but now West could not stand prosperly. He redoubled! When I got back to me I took out my own double



# WOMANSENSE

## Story of five beautiful girls . . .

"OH-H-H-H!" said the tall, tall girl with a bob of ruffled red hair and gorgeous eyes, "this is the most wonderful time of my life."

Speaking was Maria Grazia Jacomelli, known officially as Miss Italy. Around her, nodding their heads vigorously in agreement were four other very tall, very beautiful girls, Miss Germany, Ingrid Hoockel; Miss Austria, Luisa Kammermayer; Miss France, Yvette Degremont, and Miss Europe, Christine Spatzler.

Said Christine, "This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience." Miss France, who speaks very little English, widened her eyes and said "marvellous" in French.

For these girls, who are five of the loveliest in Europe, are on a three-month tour of the Far

East with the Comité Franciscan de L'Elegance, presenting breathtakingly lovely clothes from the Paris fashion houses of Jacques Griffe and Maggy Rouff.

And their tour so far, has been hectic. The party left Paris in March and went straight to Japan where they held 40 parades in all the major cities. They are now holding parades in the Ambassador Hotel under the auspices of the local Centre of Elegance. From Hongkong they are off to show French fashions in Saigon, Bangkok and Phnompenh.

### Sight-seeing

In between parades they are being taken around on sight-seeing tours. They haven't had a chance to go shopping yet, "but we are dying to see Hongkong materials, and we are all certainly going to buy cheongsams," said Ingrid Hoockel.

Said Miss Austria, "we are all going to get off the plane wearing them when we arrive back in Europe. They'll be sensational."

All the girls are chaperoned as carefully as if they were a party of schoolgirls on an excursion, — and that means no dates.

They aren't allowed to go anywhere without the permission of M. Jacques Prieur, the

secretary of the committee, and even have to ask him before they can make an appointment for a hair-do.

The "baby" of the party is Miss Germany, who is only 19. She is a blonde with a peaches and cream complexion, who was brought up in New Zealand. Her home is now in Düsseldorf where she runs a school for training ground hostesses, an offshoot of her mother's public relations firm. Before she left on this tour, she tape-recorded lessons for three months.

She does photographic modelling for most of Europe's magazines and until about two years ago she was a student of voice and the piano at the Robert Schuman Conservatorium. Next month she will compete for the title of Miss Europe in Beirut.

Miss France who has heavily accentuated dark brown eyes and brown hair, is a house model for Maggy Rouff in Paris, and is expert at showing Maggy Rouff clothes which swirl with clouds of chiffon and georgette pleats.

### Cabled flowers

She is not married but her boy friend is the son of the president of a world-wide flowers-by-cable service. She receives flowers from him every day.



Miss France, Yvette Degremont in Maggy Rouff's sculptured "Elfe."



Opalescent sequins embroidered on white lace make up "Leda" by Maggy Rouff, worn here by Miss Italy, Maria Grazia Jacomelli.

Miss Italy is a model in Rome and does a lot of television work. Most of her clothes are designed and made by her mother although she does have another dress-maker "round the corner."

Miss Austria is a model for a big store in Linz, and Miss Europe, who is also Austrian, models in Vienna. Both girls do a great deal of television and film work.

The wardrobe mistress, Paulette Fradeyrol, has the hardest job. The clothes are her responsibility. There are over 50 outfits, which, with their matching accessories, make up 32 pieces of luggage. After each unpacking, all have to be pressed and they have to look as fresh and crisp as they did when they left Paris.

In Hongkong the girls have already given four parades and

are holding another tea-show at 5.30 this afternoon. Two more dinner shows are scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights.

M. Prieur is thrilled that the parades have been received so well wherever they have been held, and is already making plans for a return next year with brand new fashion news from Paris and five more beautiful girls.



A shadow of black tulle over white grosgrain — Jacques Griffe's "Recital," modelled by Miss Austria, Luisa Kammermayer.



Miss Europe, Christine Spatzler, in a cognac-brown Maggy Rouff cocktail dress.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Chirpie Takes A Swim

—He Thought The Waves Had Invited Him In—

By MAX TRELL

"WELL," SAID Chirpie Sparrow to Knarf and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned-Around Names, as he alighted on the window sill, "I am delighted to see you all day yesterday."

"We were here, Chirpie dear," said Hanid.

"Where were you?" asked Knarf.

"I was at the swimming-day," said Chirpie.

"That's right," said Knarf, as he pointed to the window sill, "I was the one who was away. And where do you think I went?"

"Knarf and Hanid answered that they could not guess where Chirpie and Knarf went yesterday, for Chirpie, like all other Birds, had the whole sky to fly around in."

"There were so many thousands of places that Chirpie could have spent the day that it was almost impossible to guess where he might have gone."

"They asked Chirpie to tell them where he had been."

A swimming-day

"Yesterday," said Chirpie, "the weather was fine. It was warm. It was a swimming-day if I ever saw one."

In some surprise, Knarf and Hanid asked him whether he had gone swimming.

"Of course!" said Chirpie. "That's exactly what I did."

"You're not a Swimming-Bird," said Knarf.

"Bird," said Knarf. "You're a Flying-Bird."

Knarf had long ago decided that there were many kinds of Birds, like Chickens. There were Swimming-Birds, like Ducks and Geese and Seagulls. Then there were Flying-Birds, like Swallows, Sparrows and Robins.

"Flying-Birds" can't swim," Knarf said, "and Swimming-Birds can't fly."

Here Chirpie shook his head. "Wrong-wrong-wrong!" he said.

"There are plenty of Flying-Birds that can swim and Swimming-Birds that can fly."

"Wild Ducks and Wild Geese can swim as well as fly, and they can fly as well as swim."

### Not all can swim

"But," Chirpie immediately added, "not all Flying-Birds can swim. I know one Sparrow who discovered that he couldn't swim at all."

Knarf and Hanid didn't have to ask who he meant because Chirpie pointed the end of his wing at himself and said:

"Me!"

"You see," he went on, "when I got down to the ocean, I found the waves all busy talking."

"They were saying," Chirpie, came in for a swim!"

"I hope," said Hanid, "you weren't foolish enough to go swimming in the ocean, a tiny Bird like you who can't swim?"

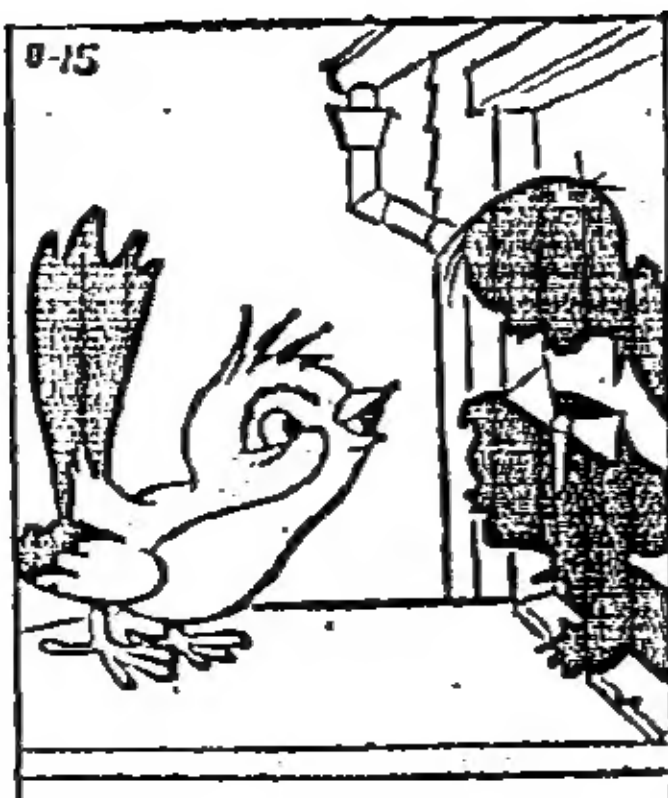
"I did," said Chirpie.

### Rupert and the Paper-fall—36



Algy runs back to Rupert. "When you were telling of the adventure you and Edward had I was the only person without a present, so I was probably the only person listening. Do tell me again. Did you really change the place you were in just by turning round three times?" "Yes, it sounds impossible, but we did," Rupert declares. "We had to turn from left to right. When we wanted to change everything back again we turned the other way." "I'm going to try it myself this minute," says Algy.

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"Yesterday was a swimming-day," Chirpie told Shadows.

"I sat myself down on the top of the water just like a Duck. I moved my feet up and down."

"But how could I paddle without any web feet?"

"Along came a wave that broke over my head. It wet my feathers from my head to my tail."

### Should have flown

"You should have flown away," said Knarf.

"Of course I should have," said Chirpie. "But you have no idea how difficult it is to fly when your feathers are wet."

"I don't expect you to understand this because you have no feathers."

"I guess," said Hanid, "it would be the same as trying to walk if your clothes were soaking wet."

### Doesn't wear clothes

"I don't wear clothes," said Chirpie, "but I guess you're right."

Knarf said that he guessed Chirpie didn't have a very good time at the beach.

"Oh, I did," replied Chirpie. "I didn't go swimming again, but I did lots of walking, hopping and flying."

"I walked and hopped along the beach. Then I flew right over those busy waves."

"And did they keep telling you to come in for a swim?" Hanid asked.

### Heard them wrong

"I guess I must have heard them wrong the first time," said the Sparrow, "because when I flew over the second time, I distinctly heard them say:

"Don't come near the water, Chirpie!"

"And I really took their advice."

"I'm a Flying-Walking-Hopping-Bird and nothing, nothing, nothing can make me into a Swimming-Bird!"



"Premier-Bal" by Maggy Rouff, worn by Miss Germany, Ingrid Hoockel.

## LADY LUCK

### YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

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**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): You will not be able to keep pace with your competitors if you cling too tenaciously to outmoded traditions.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): Don't be dazzled by too pretentious a display of wealth in a house you visit, but pity the owners for their poor taste.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): An unsatisfactory domestic situation should not be allowed to continue through sheer inertia on your part. Try to do something about it.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You will not be taking an undue risk by investing a modest sum on a friend's recommendation.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): Your great energy is a valuable asset and acts as a spur to those who work with you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 21): Avoid the society of some questionable newcomers to your district, if you want to maintain your good reputation.

**LEO** (July 22-August 21): A social engagement may have to be cancelled owing to urgent pressure of work.

**VIRGO** (August 22-September 22): Don't begrudge a favour that is asked of you, but be grateful you are in a position to grant it.

**LIBRA** (September 23-October 22): It would be highly unwise to make a confident of a person you have known a comparatively short time.

**SCORPIO** (October 23-November 21): Don't let a private quarrel with a colleague interfere with the smooth running of your business.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21): Your impatience could be an obstacle to your advancement. Force yourself to see things through even when they become tedious.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): By recalling a similar experience in the past, you may find a ready solution to the problem confronting you now.

**YOUR LUCKY CARD:** If today is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the QUEEN of CLUBS.

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## CUP FINAL SENSATIONS

# The fateful day that Villa won the Cup and League

By Ivor Yorke

(This is the first of a series of six articles by Ivor Yorke recapturing the most dramatic moments in Cup Final history).

Such speed, such skill. Never had football been played as it was in that 1897 Cup Final. Sixty-five thousand people—the biggest soccer crowd ever assembled—watched enthralled.

The F.A. Cup competition was 25 years old and already an institution in the rapidly-growing world of big-time soccer. The attendance, which exceeded the previous Cup Final best by 20,000, was proof of the tournament's magic attraction.

## Favourite is withdrawn

Paris, Apr. 25. The Aga Khan's felly Opaline, the favourite for next Thursday's 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket, will not run in the race.

Mr Alec Head, the Aga Khan's trainer, told reporters that the felly had intestinal trouble.

Mr Head added: "It is only a temporary indisposition and will certainly not affect Opaline's racing career. I expect it to clear up fairly soon."

Opaline, who was quoted at 2-1 in ante-post lists, was to have been ridden by Australian Neville Sellwood—China Mail Special.

## CHARITY BOXING

Tingle's Athletic Institute is holding its annual charity boxing display at the Hongkong Cricket Club tomorrow at 5.15 pm. There will be no admission fee but a collection will be taken, the entire proceeds of which will go in aid of St James Settlement.

## Sports Diary

**TODAY**  
Presentation of Ladies' Recreation Club badminton prizes at 7 pm.  
1st Division: Kwong Wah v AFS (Club) 5.20 pm; Eastern v Caroline Hill (Police) 5.30 pm.  
2nd Division: Eastern v Caroline Hill (Police) 4 pm.  
**Meeting**  
HKFA Inter-Club Sub-Committee meeting at Sports Road, 6 pm.  
**TOMORROW**  
HKFAA Executive Committee meeting, Education Dept, 5.30 pm.  
HKFA Council meeting at Sports Road, 6 pm.  
**GOING**  
Shek O Club Members' Guests Day, Fik Competition, 9.15 am.

## NOTICE

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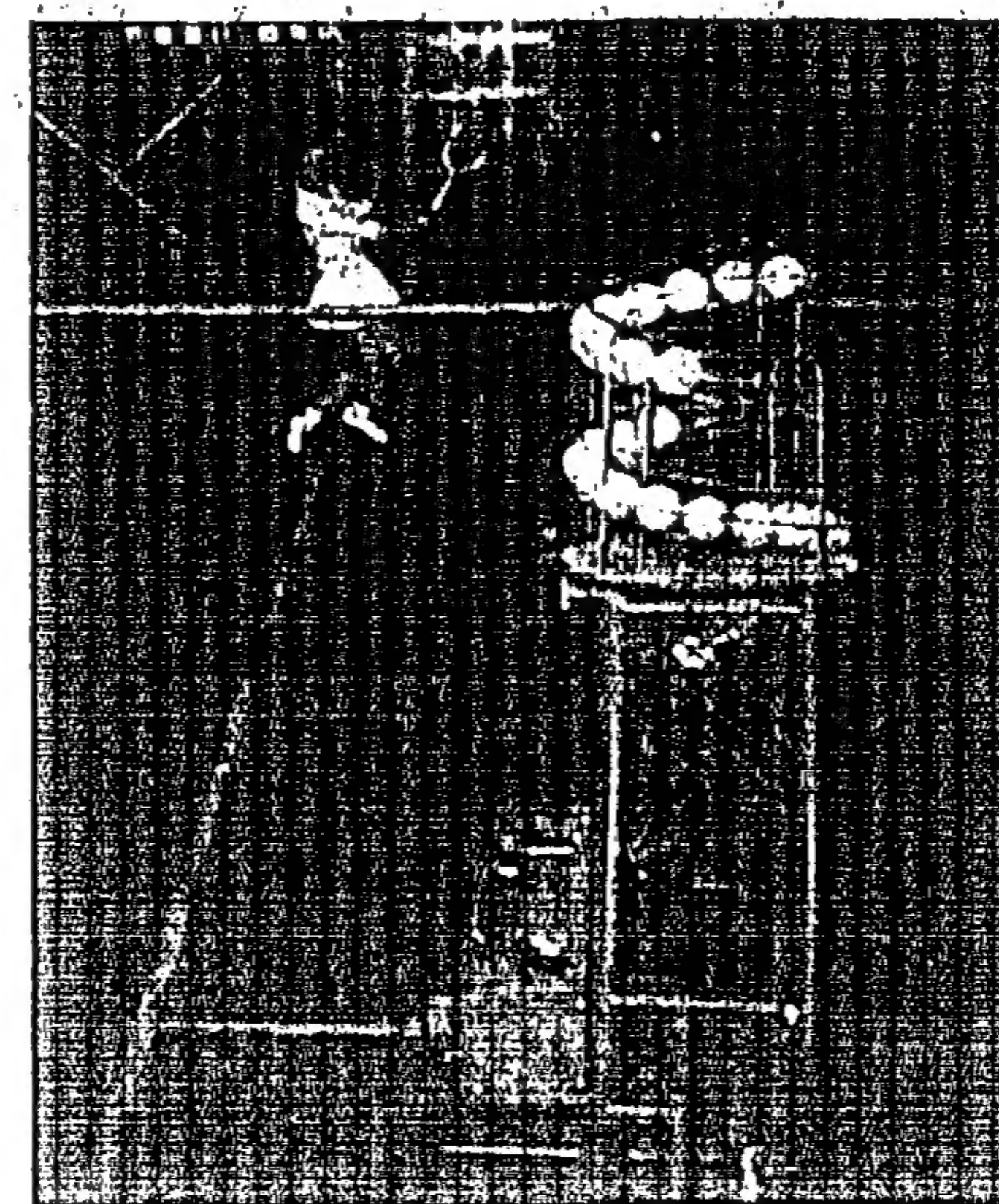
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The sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 5th May, 1961, as follows:—

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## Robot tennis player



Robbie, the robot tennis player, who cost £100, stands in the Huddersfield Territorial Drill Hall, and fires off 40 balls a minute with all the speed of Lew Hoad, plus card-index accuracy. Commented a soldier: "What a weapon! If it could throw grenades". But Robbie is used for a somewhat more peaceful purpose, helping Sally Houldsworth to reach the top as a tennis player. Said 17-year-old Sally: "My father bought Robbie a year ago. He has been a terrific help. The main advantage over human opponents is his terrific accuracy." Robbie can hurl 40 balls one after the other, in precisely the same direction, or he can be geared to shoot at different angles and speeds. Picture shows: Robbie serves an ace to Sally Houldsworth—Express Photo.

## Ambassadors of Football contest

The standings in the Hongkong Ambassadors of Football contest, including yesterday's votes, are as follows:

## UAR wins at table tennis

Cairo, Apr. 25.

The U.A.R. today defeated Nigeria 5-0 in a friendly table tennis match.

UAR champion Fawzi el Nebrashi beat West African singles champion Mudashiru Alagbada 21-12, 21-10.

K. Sadiku of the Nigerian team said his team was unlucky and will "try to do our best in the coming games."

The Nigerian team arrived here on Friday from Peking where they represented Nigeria at the world table tennis championships. They are scheduled to play two more matches here.

## PI bicycle marathon

Manila, Apr. 25.

Seventy-two cyclists, including eight from South Korea, pedalled off today on the 1,354-mile tour of Luzon bicycle marathon.

The cyclists will compete for cash prizes amounting to 41,000 pesos (£7,404) during the 13-day marathon.

The prize is 5,000 pesos (£892 sterling). The Koreans were the only foreigners in the tour.

Most of them are Olympics and Asian Games veterans.

## UK football results

London, Apr. 25.  
Results of football league matches played tonight were:

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Leeds 2	2 Southampton 2	0 Port Vale 0	0 Bournemouth 0
Brentford 0	0 Grimsby 0	0 Watford 0	0 Southend 0
0 Bolton 0	0 Northampton 0	0 Oldham 0	0 Southport 0
0	0	0	0

Tottenham Hotspur, 2-0 winners at Villa Park in the fifth round this season, now stand 80 minutes away from proving the saying again—and of equalling Villa's 64-year-old record of achieving the double.

Tomorrow: When Spurs were the underdogs.

## Football clean-up campaign urged

dear sir

I presume that the H. K. F. A. was officially represented at the football match on Sunday between Police and Kowloon Motor. But and that a report will be submitted to the Association on this game. In the event that this presumption is incorrect, I should like as a paying spectator to make known to the H.K.F.A. through the medium of the press and as a matter of general interest my sheer disgust at the sorry spectacle perpetrated in the name of football at Boundary Street last Sunday. All the more so because one of the teams represents the H.K. Police Force which we associated with a high degree of discipline and self control. Both of these attributes were conspicuous by their absence and it is difficult to understand why the team officials didn't take positive steps at half time to ensure the players concerned. If they did then it should be clear what to do next!

Having been associated with the game in Hongkong both as a player and spectator for more than a decade, seldom, if ever, have I witnessed such a combination of sub-standard football, indiscipline, foul play, complete contempt for the referee and such weak and ineffectual control exercised by the referee—all in one game. The playing conditions may not have been conducive to good football but no effort was made by either team to adapt themselves to these conditions. Instead we witnessed a series of personal vendettas, much whistle blowing but little firm action by the referee until late in the second half when he booked several players and in the last 15 seconds of the game sent off the Police outside left. What did he think he had achieved by this belated action? The game had fallen to its lowest depths long before and in this writer's judgment the referee would have been completely justified if he had abandoned the game.

This sorrowful exhibition must be added to a long line of footballing incidents on the home front in recent years which surely, sooner or later, must spark the local football administrators into a long awaited clean-up campaign. It has been said before and can bear saying again that since the departure of Sir Arthur Morse and Mr Jack Skinner the administration of the game and playing skill have

steadily deteriorated. At the present time the H.K.F.A. faces a challenge—a challenge to re-establish its authority, its integrity and character and its ability to handle footballing matters in the best interests of clubs, players and the paying public alike.

What is holding it back? If one were to believe all the rumours in circulation, the H.K.F.A. is slowly drowning in a cesspool of intrigue, personal rivalry and power politics. What place their unsavoury subjects could have in administering a sport such as football I cannot guess and one would like to believe them to be a figment of someone's imagination.

However, it would be futile to blind oneself to all the things that cloud the soccer scene here in Hongkong. The time has come for positive action by men of courage without regard for personal prestige and reward. If the axe must fall on officials and players who seek to discredit the authority of the Association, for whatever purpose it may be, let it be wielded unrelentingly. We can do without the so-called soccer stars if need be and they should be made aware of this. Elsewhere, particularly in Europe soccer is striding forward. In England the "wind of change" has certainly blown new ideas and a new refreshing atmosphere into football there. Having recently returned from that country I have seen the new approach to the game. In comparison we are far behind but what is more important we are lacking that sense of

purpose and urgency combined with a blue print to revitalize and re-educate Hongkong's footballers. I feel sure I express the opinion of the "man in the street" who keeps the turnstiles ticking over, when I urge the H.K.F.A.—

(a) to stamp out ruthlessly if necessary, all dirty play by penalizing players with life suspensions in appropriate cases;

(b) to film all "rebellious" games and "bring to book" Clubs whose players engage in on the field activities designed to influence the result of a game;

(c) to enlist the services of the Government Tax Department to examine the books of unofficial sponsors connected with some Clubs to eliminate as far as possible payments in excess of legitimate expenses;

(d) reverse the apparent policy of appeasement in matters of football administration and adopt a tough "no nonsense" policy with all clubs irrespective of whom it affects; and

(e) consider engaging annually a summer coach from England to give added impetus to the work of the Association's official local coach.

The knowledgeable people in our football fraternity may find nothing new in these suggestions but at least if some were implemented we might have more worthy football to grace the fine stadiums in Hongkong. For good reason I must remain.

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## World of sport

By JOHN COTTRELL

London. Beware of "Morty." That's my warning to the globe-trotting tennis girls now converging on Britain at the start of the two-month tune-up for the Wimbledon Championships.

The European outdoor season is now getting seriously under way with the opening of the British Hard Court Championships in Bournemouth. Stars on parade include American champions Darlene Hard, Britain's Ann Haydon, back from an impressive Caribbean tour, and Christine Truman, only girl to take a set from Maria Bueno at last year's Wimbledon.

These three, plus Sandra Reynolds (South Africa) and fast-improving Karen Gantzo (United States), are regarded as the chief challengers to Mrs. Bueno in her bid to score a hat-trick of Wimbledon singles victories.

But don't forget "Morty," otherwise slim, 20-year-old Angela Mortimer, the "forgetful girl" of tennis, she shook the experts by reaching the Wimbledon final of 1958. And she could be the big surprise packet again this season. In that Wimbledon final, she

missed her life's ambition after holding a point for the first set against Althea Gibson. Now Mrs. Mortimer has little hope of winning through this arduous championship, but she can still cause plenty of upsets.

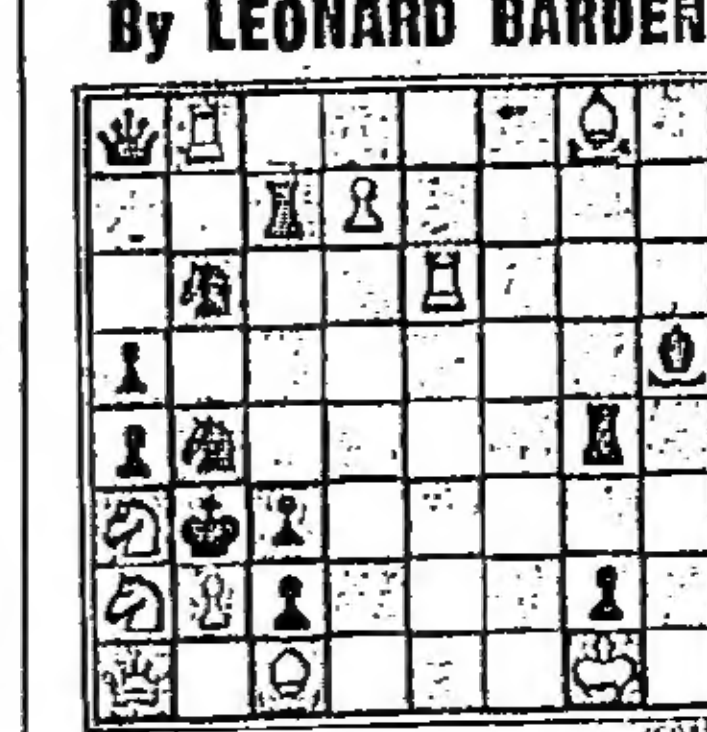
Within four weeks of this year, four determined Anglos have won four major covered court titles—those of Germany, France, Scandinavia, and Great Britain. Her victims included Ann Haydon (twice) and Christine Truman.

While she lacks the power to be regarded as a great threat on the fast grass of Wimbledon, Mrs. Mortimer's consistent, deadly accurate baseline game can still wear down the greatest of players on covered and hard courts.

She has beaten such Wimbledon champions as Doris Hart, Shirley Fry and Althea Gibson. And she has won the British Hard Court title at Bournemouth three times—in 1955, 1956 and 1959.

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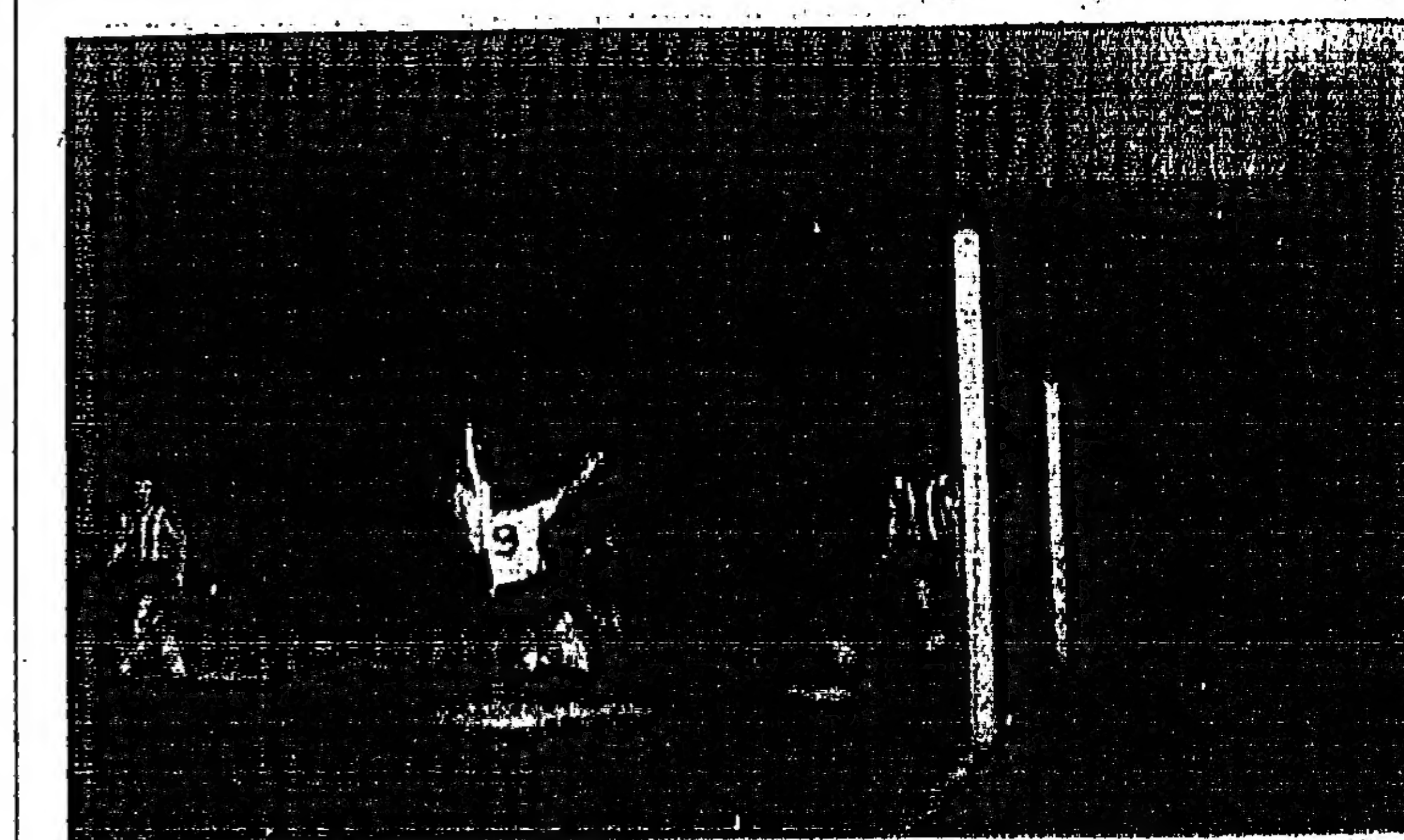
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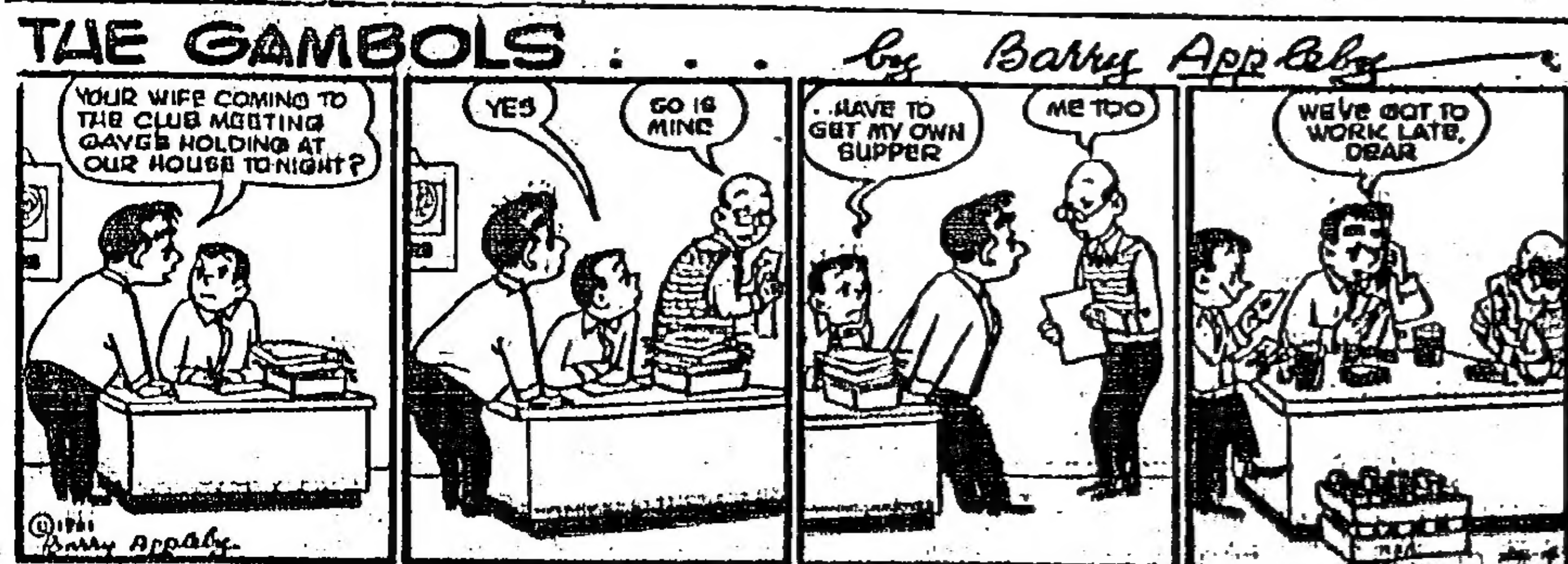
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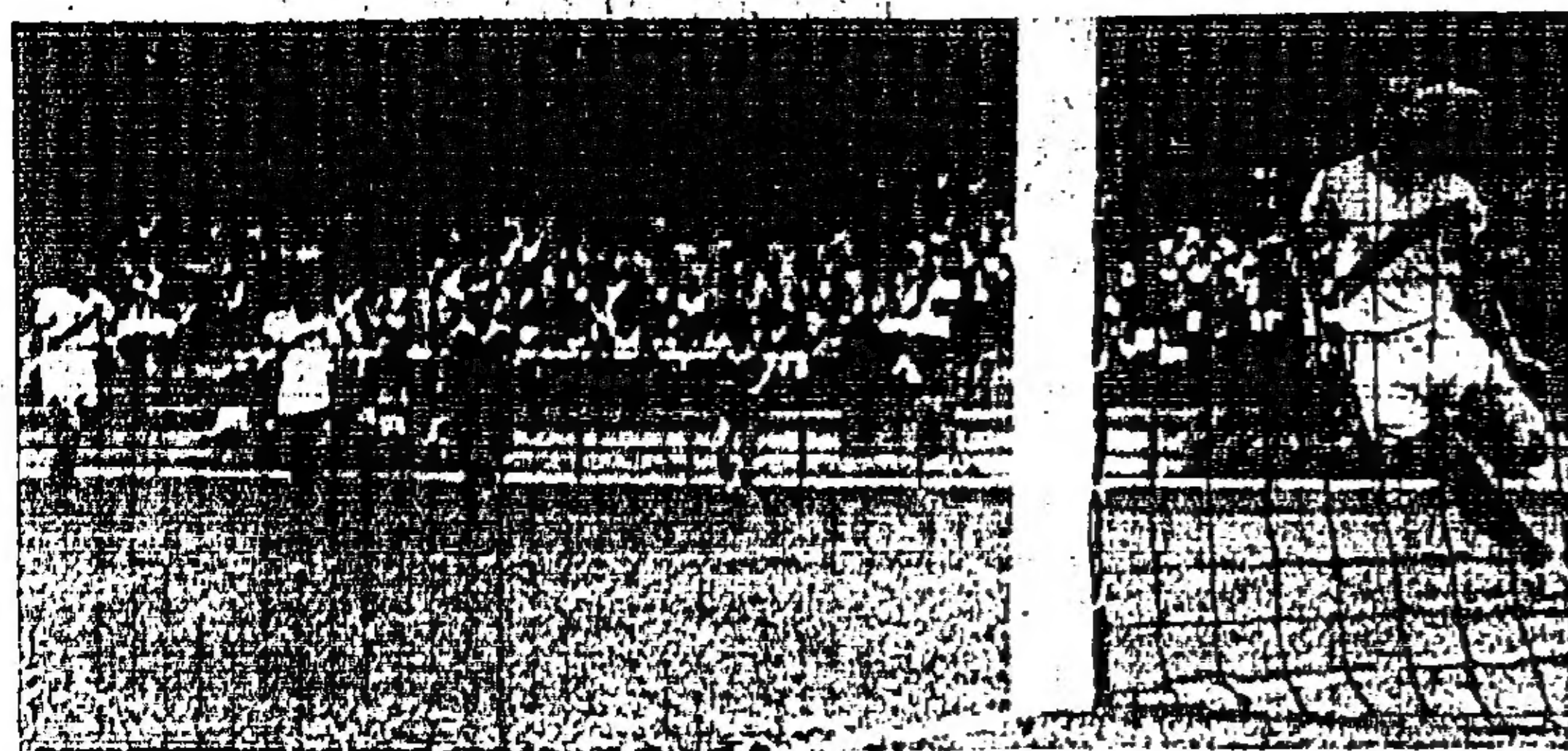
## The championship goal



Picture shows: The goal that made the score Tottenham 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1, and clinched the championship for Spurs. Les Allen scored it, and Bobby Smith (No 9, and who scored the Spurs' first goal) jumps for joy.—Express Photo.







ABOVE: Happy Valley and Tung Wah drew 3-3 in a First Division football match at the Hongkong Stadium on Sunday. Tung Wah led 2-1 at half-time. Photo shows Tung Wah's second goal being scored (by Lo Kwok-tai not in picture), while Lal Chin-kau rushes to the net in an attempt to save the goal.—China Mail Photo.



ABOVE: A scene during the annual sports day of Tingle's Athletic Institute held at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday. A memorial garden to the late Mrs Frances Owen-Hughes was opened in the Club grounds on the same occasion. — China Mail Photo.

RIGHT: Kowloon won the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association's triangular match at the Hongkong Stadium on Saturday. Second were the 18 Infantry Brigade and last were Hongkong. T. Robertson (Hongkong) is seen winning the 800 metres event in 2 mins 5 seconds.—China Mail Photo.



The Queen smilingly shakes hands with the England soccer captain, inside left Johnny Haynes of Fulham, as she presents the British International Championship Trophy to him at Wembley Stadium recently. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh had watched England score a 9-3 victory over Scotland.

Haynes—like the other players—was wearing a black armband as a tribute to the memory of Mr Arthur Drewry, the FA Chairman who died recently.—Express Photo.

#### SPORTING SAM . . . . . by Reg. Wootton



## SPORTS PICTORIAL



ABOVE: Mr Y. K. Cheng's Native Prince won the St George's Cup race over 1 1/4 miles at the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club meeting on Saturday. Photo shows from left to right Sir Sik-nin Chau, Mr A. H. Potts, Mr D. Brittan Evans, Mr Alex Lam (the winning jockey), Mr J. F. Macgregor, Mr A. H. Penn, Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mrs Cheng and Mr Y. K. Cheng after presentation of the award. — China Mail Photo.

RIGHT: Mr R. R. Coombs (left) "drove-in" as new captain of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club at Fanling on Sunday. His drive was retrieved by one of the caddies. The caddy is seen receiving the traditional reward. — China Mail Photo.



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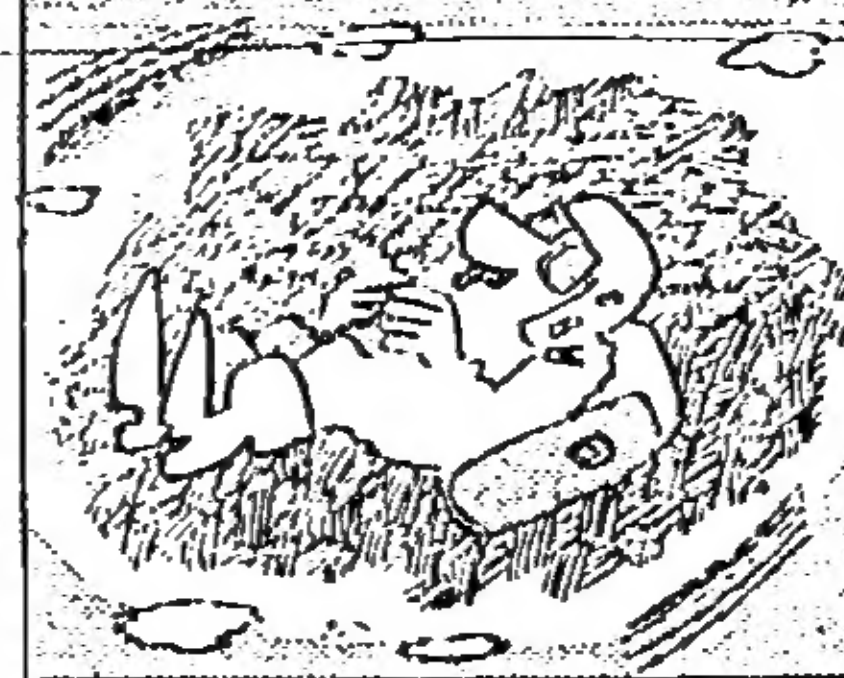
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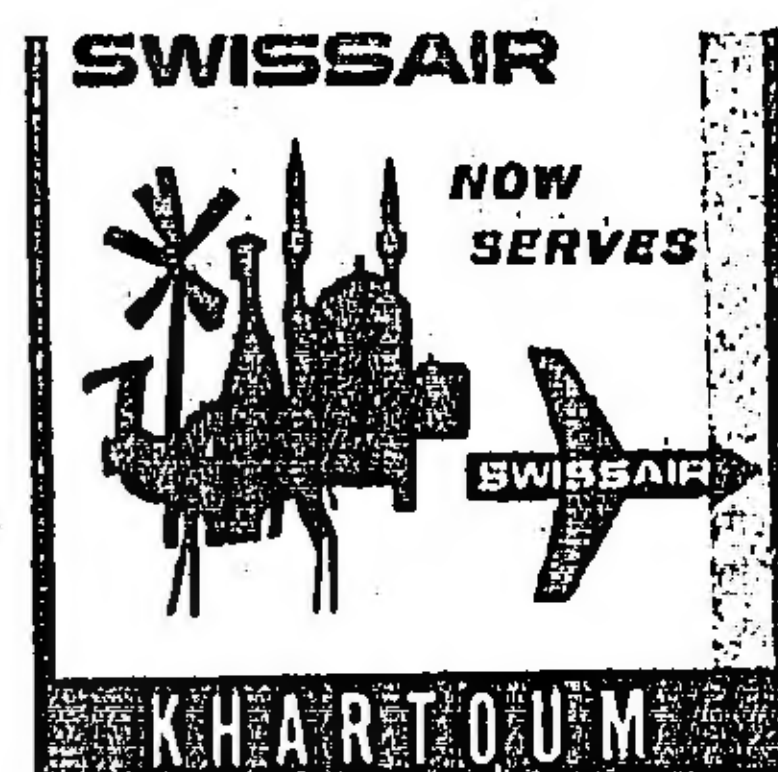
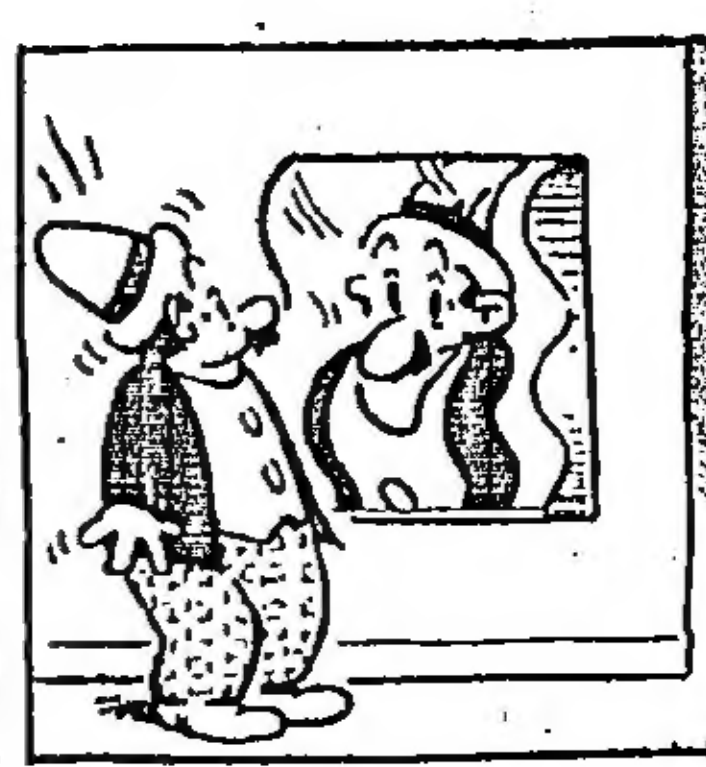
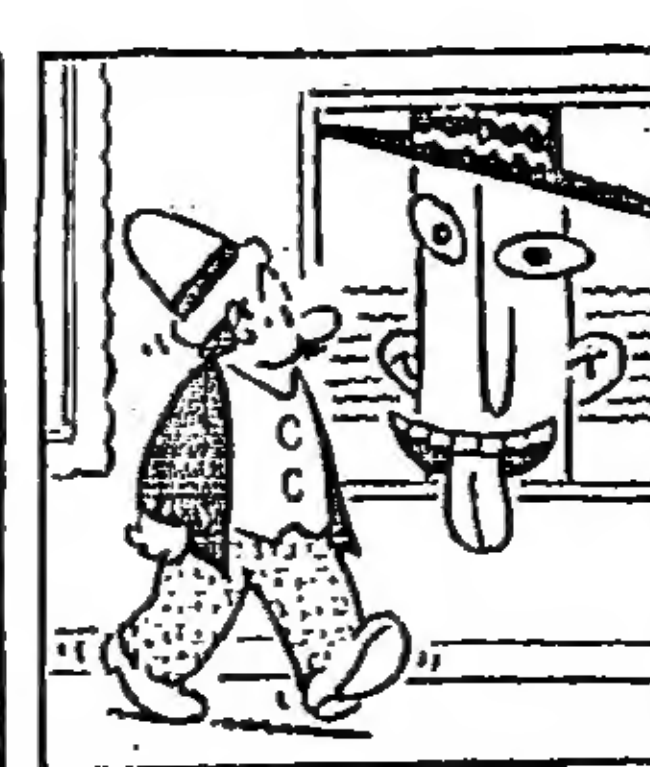
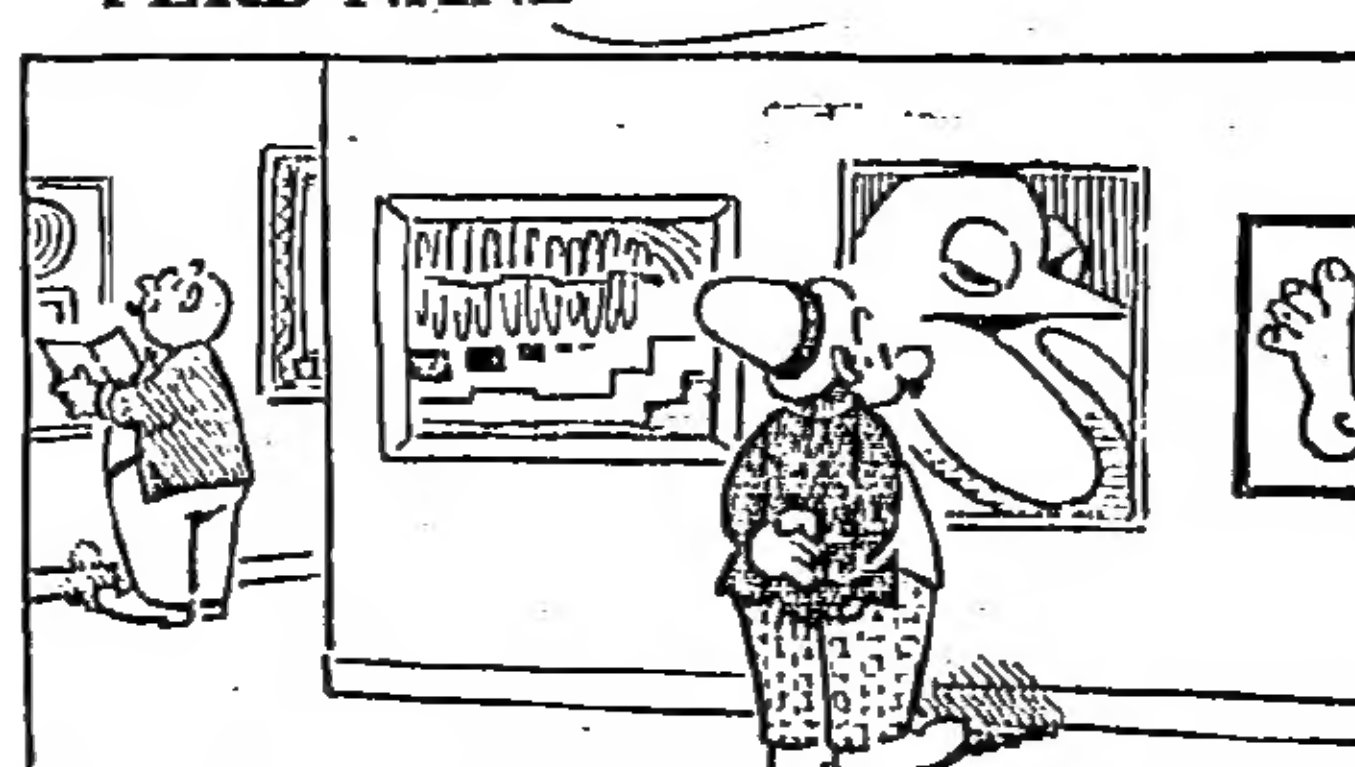
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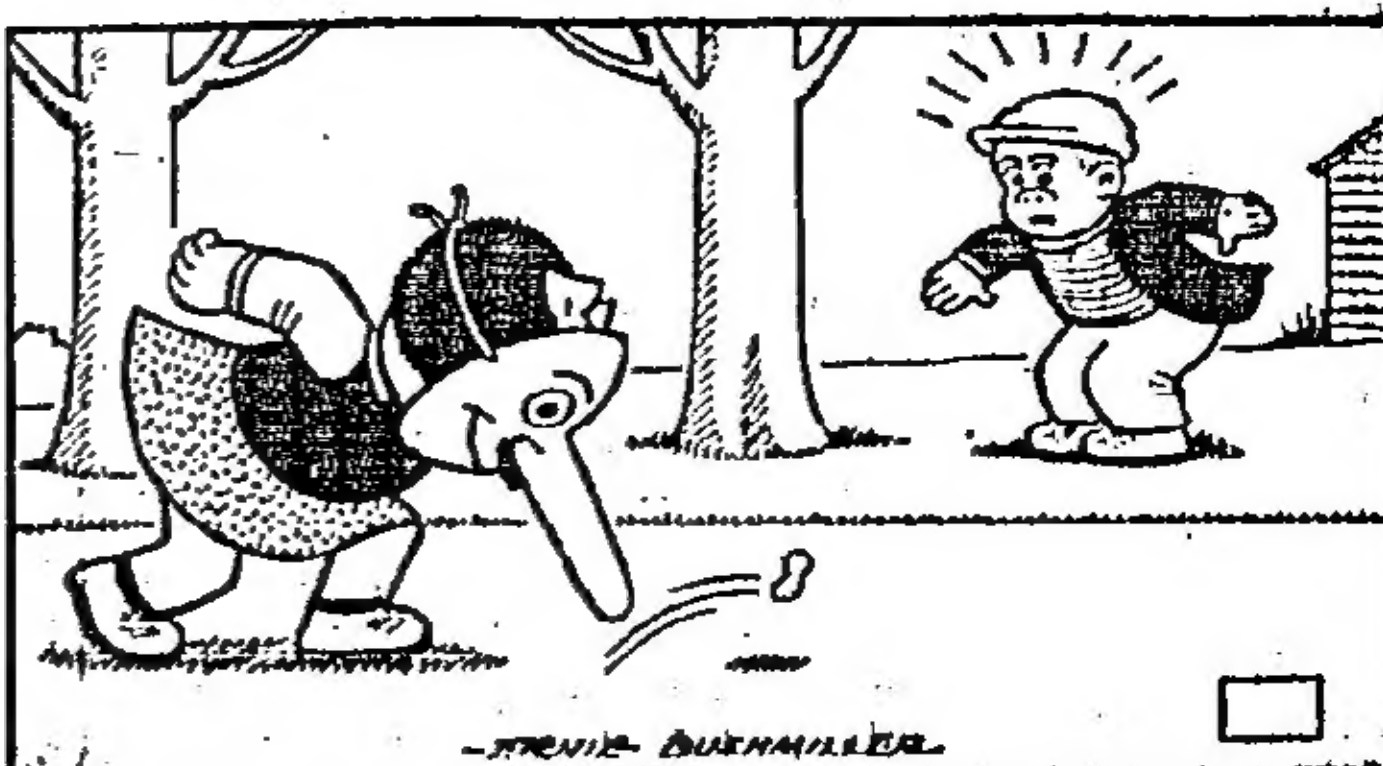
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